

FEBRUARY VOLUNTEER NEWSLETTER

Thomas & Friends: Explore the Rails **opens at Discovery Center**



Over 1,500 visitors attended the grand opening weekend (January 12th and 13th) of our newest traveling exhibit: *Thomas & Friends: Explore the Rails*. Children of all ages had the opportunity to meet Sir Topham Hatt, visit the Island of Sodor, enjoy stories, snacks and crafts, browse the gift shop for Thomas souvenirs, and make a train conductor's cap in the DIY Depot.

There are plenty of opportunities to volunteer throughout the next three months. Come on board with us on Thursday, February 7th at our special Pajama Party from 5:30 to 7:30 pm. Assist visitors with Thomas games and crafts, get creative with face painting, shake your sillies out at story time and help serve a special bedtime snack. Or join us on Sunday, February 17th from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm as we welcome our friends from the Rock River Valley Division of the National Model Railroad Association for a day of making wooden train cars and operating the controls of a model train.

Get Your Scoopers Ready for Chocolate Sundae Sunday ... **Sunday, February 10th**

We need volunteers to scoop ice cream, pour chocolate sauce and caramel, ladle strawberries, pass out milk, clean tables and assist with Valentine's Day crafts.

There is one volunteer shift from 1:30 pm to 4:30 pm (includes set-up, event and clean-up). And of course, all volunteers get to make their own sundae and enjoy the sounds of the East High School Jazz Ensemble! If you can help out that day, please let me know!



Mark Your Calendar ...



Discover Engineering - Saturday, February 23rd - 11:00 am to 3:00 pm

We are kicking off National Engineer's Week with dozens of real engineers from local firms who are setting up shop in Discovery Center spaces to give kids and adults hands-on experiences. We need volunteers to "play" with vertical wind columns, catapults, and cubelets. Sign up now!

We are always looking for volunteers!

Do you have friends who want to volunteer at the museum? Have them fill out and return an application. Then join us Saturday, February 9th from 10:30 am to 12:00 pm for volunteer orientation!

