



**Project:
Quality
Time**

Want more Project: Quality Time? Sign up to receive our monthly Family Self-Guide by emailing Sarah_D_Neubold@mcpsmd.org or ask your school's art teacher. Each month will highlight a local museum or gallery and include a fun activity for your family.

This month will feature
The Baltimore Museum of Art.

LOCATION:

10 Art Museum Drive
Baltimore, MD 21218

ADMISSION: FREE

MUSEUM HOURS:

WED-FRI 11:00-5:00
SAT-SUN 11:00-6:00
Closed MON-TUES

TRANSPORTATION:

Take I-95 North to I-395 to Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard. Follow MLK Boulevard for approximately one mile, staying in the center lane to avoid being forced into right or left turns. As MLK Boulevard ends, it bears left and turns into North Howard Street. Follow North Howard Street, and after crossing 28th Street, bear right at the fork onto Art Museum Drive.

INFORMATION:

443-573-1700
<http://www.artbma.org>

MUSEUM PROGRAMS:

Free Family Fun Activities begin every Sunday at 2:00. Visit the website for more details.

New BMA Audio Tour for Families

The BMA is one of the only museum audio tours with a dog leading the way! Raoudi, Matisse's perky schnauzer, is the voice behind the Museum's new Family Tour, which highlights 20 objects in the collection. Rather than headphones, the Family Tour offers a handheld audio device that allows families to pause and chat about a work.

FEBRUARY

FAMILY SELF-GUIDE

BMA FunPacks

Directions: When your family arrives at the art museum, find the information desk and ask for these materials.



Three different self-guided kits invite kids to dress up, sketch, or sing their way through the galleries. These kits are available every Thursday and Saturday from 11 a.m.–3 p.m. and Sundays from 11 a.m.–4 p.m.

Song Pack: The Song Pack is a toe-tapping tour-in-song of the collection, featuring music from some of the area's finest musicians and talented local elementary school students. Check out a personal CD player, CD, headphones, and map to

discover 15 works of art listening to songs.

Costume Pack: The Costume Pack invites younger children ages 4–12 to try on costumes and “step into” portraits from the collection. Find works of art from early American to African represented by the costumes with easy-to-read maps and historical clues, and explore the cultural and social histories of the people represented.

Sketch Pack: Older children, teens, and adults can sharpen their drawing skills with a sketch pad and pencils, using works in the BMA's collection as models. Some of the works include Henry Moore's contemporary sculpture *Three Rings*; the American decorative art object *Horn Chair* (1880–1890); and masks from the BMA's African art collection.

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<<http://www.artbma.org/families/funpacks.html>>.

MUSEUM ETIQUETTE:

- Do not touch objects in the museum. Try to stand an arm's length away when looking at objects. Sometimes it helps to put your hands behind your back or in your pockets. Objects in a museum are very special and even the smallest fingerprint could damage them.
- Make sure to walk and use your inside voice. The museum is a peaceful place.
- Check coats and bags in the coatroom. It's easy to bump into things without knowing.
- Ask before taking photographs. Different museums have different policies about taking pictures in the galleries.

ANY FEEDBACK?

Visit our website at www.projectqualitytime.org and complete a brief questionnaire. Your feedback is very valuable and will help us continue to expand and improve our program. Each completed feedback form will automatically enter your child in a drawing to win art supplies. Two winners will be selected each month. Thank you to **Crayola** for donating the prizes.

Fun Things to Do with Your Child at the BMA

Imagine that a painting or sculpture could come alive. What sounds would it make? How would it move? What would it do or say?

The eyes have it. Take turns describing a detail from a painting aloud while your partner stands in the center of the gallery with eyes closed. When she opens her eyes, can she find the painting with the detail you described?

Pretend that you're a team of detectives. Find a work of art or an object from long ago, maybe a Maryland period room, a portrait, or a clock. Examine the visual clues to determine WHO, WHAT, WHEN, WHERE, WHY, and HOW. Like any good sleuths, you'll need to make guesses based on evidence and hunches.

Take a trip around the world without leaving Baltimore. Look at one object from each continent, or learn about one culture or country. "Visit" a landscape painting to take a swim in a lake, hike up a mountain, or enjoy a tropical holiday.

Act it out! Find a painting that depicts more than one person. Take roles. What are the characters saying to one another? How are they related?

Tell a tale. Can you find a work of art that tells a story? Maybe it tells about everyday life or the person who made it or used it. It could illustrate a legend or myth. Some artworks are mysterious, whimsical, or fantastical—try making up a tall tale!

Fun for the very young. Find simple shapes, favorite colors (name everything blue you see in one gallery, red in the next), or an array of animals. Try counting numbers, making up a rhyme, or striking a pose!

You'll enjoy the Museum more if you look at just a few objects, or one special exhibition. An hour—or even half an hour—may be enough time. Remember, you can always come back—admission to the collection is FREE for all.