**August**

**Theme:** Paper Creations  
**Description:** Amazing things can be made out of paper, and it’s a stronger medium than it looks. Challenge yourself to build structures out of paper that can support weight or even fly!

**September**

**Theme:** Movies and Animation  
**Description:** Investigate different types of animation and explore all the techniques that go into making a movie from set design to movie editing.

**October**

**Theme:** Robotics  
**Description:** Explore the world of robotics through robot construction, coding, and circuitry.

**November**

**Theme:** Transportation  
**Description:** Planes, trains and automobiles! Join us in the Makerspace this month for transportation themed challenges as you invent the future of transportation.

**December**

**Theme:** Gift Makers  
**Description:** Join us this month to make gifts for your family and friends for the holiday season. Tinker and try different materials to make unique, handmade gifts.
**ART PROGRAMS**

**August**

**Theme:** Chalk Art  
**Description:** Gear up for our Annual Riverfront Chalk Festival by experimenting with chalk art!

**September**

**Theme:** South American Art  
**Description:** This month explore popular art mediums and techniques from South America.

**October**

**Theme:** Marble Art  
**Description:** Marbling is an art that has been practiced for book binding and fabric printing for centuries. Join us this month to explore this art form and create some of your own.

**November**

**Theme:** Native American Art  
**Description:** Join us this month to explore Native American art from all over the country. Create art using ancient techniques that connect with cultures that continue to thrive in the United States.

**December**

**Theme:** European Art  
**Description:** Join us this month to explore European art. Investigate the cultural differences between countries in Europe and how they are portrayed through art, then create your own.
Come enjoy music, food trucks, and activities while soaking up the last moments of summer at Amazement Square’s Annual Riverfront Chalk Festival & Art Contest! Artists of all ages, backgrounds and abilities are invited to register for the chalk art contest and compete for coveted prizes. Amazement Square will also be open for just $5 per person ALL DAY!

**Prizes:**
- Advanced: 1st place: $500, 2nd place: $250, 3rd place: $100
- Intermediate: 1st place: $100, 2nd Place: $50, 3rd place: $25
- Beginner: Prize TBD
- People’s Choice: Prize TBD

**ARTIST REGISTRATION NOW OPEN**
**Entry Costs before August 15:**
- Advanced (Suggested Ages 18+): $15
- Intermediate (Suggested Ages 11-17): $5
- Beginner (Suggested Ages 6-10): $5

**Entry Costs August 15th or later:**
- Advanced (Suggested Ages 18+): $20
- Intermediate (Suggested Ages 11-17): $10
- Beginner (Suggested Ages 6-10): $10

**Amazement Square’s Great Escape Health Challenge**
**Taking place the week of September 21st – 25th**

Join Amazement Square in our first ever virtual health challenge! This event encourages participants of all ages and abilities to compete and complete challenges in the following health related categories: Physical, Mental, Nutritional, and Environmental. This will be a week-long virtual challenge that invites registrants to escape their homes, get outside, and get active. With activity tasks like plant a garden, climb the stairs at Monument Terrace, eat a fruit or vegetable for dinner, walk your family pet, do something nice for someone, and several more exciting options, this is sure to be the perfect event for the entire family.

Additional details to follow at amazementsquare.org.
Looking for support for your child during remote learning days during the 2020-21 school year? Check out our Scorpy Scholar School Age Curriculum Support and Experiential Early Learning Programs

With 20 years of experience in providing interactive learning opportunities for children and families in Central Virginia, Amazement Square is opening a unique set of programs to fulfill its mission to “cultivate an engaged community of lifelong learners by sparking imagination, creativity, and curiosity.” Amazement Square’s experienced, licensed education staff will provide PreK – 8th grade students with instructional assistance on school work and engaging enrichment opportunities within the arts, history, and STEM to promote learning as our community returns to school for the 2020-21 school year.

From core subject area support to arts and enrichment opportunities, Amazement Square’s School-Age (K-8th grade) program provides a safe, structured environment for your student to stay current with their work while expanding their critical thinking abilities through hands-on STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math) investigations in the museum’s learning labs and exhibitions.

- 5-day program ($700/4 week session)
- 3-day program ($600/4 week session)
- 9 am – 5 pm
- Students should bring lunch, a snack, and a water bottle
Amazement Squares’ experiential early learning program is designed to engage 3-5 year olds (must be fully potty trained) in a hands-on and play-based curriculum rich with STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math) explorations. The program’s mission is to create a mindful learning environment that will encourage critical thinking and fresh ideas concerning creativity, imagination, and the wonder of play. We are committed to eliminating barriers and see a diverse learning environment for our early learners.

Small class sizes and low student-teacher ratios ensure that your child gets exceptional attention and care during this most important stage of learning. Our instructional team supports your child as they build the skills of critical thinking and literacy that will set the stage for success for years to come!

Designed for 3-5 year olds not yet enrolled in Kindergarten

- 9 am – 5 pm
- 3-day option ($475/month with a $105 deposit)
- 5-day option ($625/month with a $150 deposit) Annual activity/supply fee of $125
- Students should bring lunch, a snack, and a water bottle
According to American Alliance of Museums, 30% of the nation’s museums will permanently close as a result of the pandemic.

The majority of children’s and science museums around the U.S. will not be able to reopen their doors to the public for the remainder of 2020.

Amazement Square is doing everything we can to make sure we are not part of these statistics, but we need your help!

YOUR museum has developed new programs and initiatives to solve needs created by COVID-19 and fill the needs of our community:

- Created CAMP², a new summer care camp, to fill the gap created by the closure of summer camp and childcare programs throughout the district.
- Expanded our early learning initiative to support children and teachers at early learning centers across the region that are struggling due to COVID-19 restrictions.
- Working with Lynchburg City Schools to offer the Genworth Education Center as a remote learning site for the 2020-2021 academic year.
- Plans are progressing on the Pollinator and Educational Gardens and the public Picnic Area, a valuable outdoor environment for downtown Lynchburg.

Help YOUR museum stay open by donating to our $250,000 Matching Challenge which will support museum operations and programming through the end of 2020. Donations can be made by visiting amazementsquare.org/donate.

Your donation of just $50 or more will help your museum continue the work we do for you and our community, and support our mission of cultivating an engaged community of lifelong learners.
CAMP²

Open from 9 AM – 5 PM for children ages 3 (must be FULLY potty trained) – 11. Activities include art and maker investigations, reading and acting, math and strategy games, and outdoor science explorations. Campers need to bring a lunch, water bottle, and snack. We are taking all necessary precautions for safety in light of current COVID-19 best practices, so we will be performing temperature checks, requiring that staff wear masks at all times, keeping our groups sizes small, and regularly cleaning high-touch areas throughout each day.

Two scheduling options available:

5-days a week ($150 per child/per week)
3-days a week ($120 per child/per week).

To register visit amazementsquare.org to register your children. If you are choosing the 3-day option, please indicate on your registration form which three days of the week you want to sign up for.

1/2 DAY CAMP

8:45 AM - 12:45 PM | $115 per week;
Members receive a 10% discount (members must login to receive discount)

Explore the world of favorite stories through art and maker activities as we dive into a new book every day to draw inspiration for our creations. Will we find Where the Wild Things Are? What’s special about Harold’s Purple Crayon? Join us next week to find out!

1/2 DAY STORYTIME
AUGUST 10-14
Enjoy the art of storytelling and create stories of your own through writing and illustration.

Register @ www.amazementsquare.org
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TEA PARTY
Saturday, September 12
10 AM – 12 PM
$15 per child/$10 per adult
Register @ www.amazementsquare.org

Join us for a fanciful tea party with some of your favorite fairy tale characters from Lend Me a Princess. Enjoy trying different teas and a variety of traditional and tasty finger foods, while hearing the classic tale of Thumbelina. Make your own fairy wand or Thumbelina doll and visit with Sparkles the Unicorn. It’s sure to be a magical day!