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New Summer Family Program “OUTBREAK: Diseases throughout History”

(KINGSTON, Ont.) – This summer, history enthusiasts age six to twelve can learn about the fascinating history of diseases at an interactive, family-friendly program. Families are invited to the Museum of Health Care on Saturday, July 20th OR Saturday, July 27th for a new Summer Family Program “OUTBREAK: Diseases throughout History.” Pre-registration is required.

According to program creators Julia Blakey and Lucy Vorobej, “OUTBREAK: Diseases throughout History” will teach participants about the societal impact of several diseases and the different ways people have fought diseases in the past.

“The history of disease prevention and treatment is not only fascinating, it’s important to our present-day understanding of health care,” says Museum Public Programs Assistant Lucy Vorobej. “The goal of the program is to teach children about the impact of diseases not only on the history of health care, but also as part of our broader social history,” she adds.

The program offers a series of hands-on activities, such as building your own “Giant Germs,” a medical instrument demonstration and a life-sized board game about famous scientists. Participants will also have the opportunity to learn about a variety of different cures throughout the ages.

“Since the Museum is currently developing an exhibit on vaccinations, we wanted to create a program that explores diseases in history and the ways we have dealt with them. Vaccines being a part of that history,” says Julia Blakey. “The program will conclude with a board game called “Microbe Hunter. It will outline medical breakthroughs from the perspective of several innovators,” she adds.

The ninety minute program is recommended for ages six to twelve and is offered Saturday, July 20th OR Saturday July 27th at 10am and 2pm at the Museum of Health Care at Kingston (32 George Street).

To attend one of the four sessions, pre-register by calling 613-548-2419, emailing info@museumofhealthcare.ca, or registering online at www.museumofhealthcare.ca. Admission is \$3 per participant, with no charge for accompanying adults.

Location: 32 George Street, Ann Baillie Building National Historic Site

Dates & Times:

Saturday, July 20, 10:00 am to 11:30 am, OR

Saturday, July 20, 2:00 pm to 3:30 pm, OR

Saturday, July 27, 10:00 am to 11:30 am, OR

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