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Our Sensational Senses summer program



(KINGSTON, ON) – This August children 6 and up have the chance to immerse their senses in a fun learning experience at the Museum of Health Care’s new summer program.

Our Sensational Senses was designed to treat all five senses with games, snacks, and crafts, while teaching children about the science and changing use of sight, sound, touch, smell, and taste in health care history.

“How did doctors in the 1800s use their five senses to diagnose patients?” Program creators Melissa Sit and Tabitha Renaud will help kids explore this question using the Museum’s collection of artefacts and five different Sense Stations. “Kids will see similarities and differences between diagnostic practices,” says Ms. Renaud. “Doctors still rely heavily on eyesight to see pox and rashes, but they no longer taste a patient’s urine.”

Station activities will include smelling herbal remedies, making eyeglasses from pipe cleaner, creating personalized Braille name cards, listening to a stethoscope, and tasting a historical snack. Kids will put the knowledge together at the end of the program with a take-home puzzle.

The two-hour program will take place in the Museum’s newly-renovated space for kids. “The five sense theme was chosen to compliment the Museum’s new Children’s Gallery, which will soon feature an exhibit on skin,” explains Ms. Sit.

Our Sensational Senses summer program is offered twice on Sunday, August 7th and Sunday, August 14th at 10:00 am to noon, or 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm at the Museum of Health Care at Kingston (32 George Street, Ann Baillie Building National Historic Site). To attend one of the four sessions, pre-registration is required by calling 613-548-2419 or emailing museum@kgh.kari.net. Admission is \$5 per child, with no charge for parents and guardians. For details, contact the Museum or visit www.museumofhealthcare.ca.

To help Canadians better understand the history of health and health care, the Museum preserves and promotes the rich material legacy of Canada’s medical and health care past. The Museum serves the general public, practitioners, students, and historians through exhibitions, interpretive programs, and special events throughout the year. This year the Museum of Health Care celebrates its 20th anniversary.