

# Little Wheelers



In addition to our regular School Tour Program, the Antique Auto Museum offers a one-hour program for children ages 3 -5. This literacy-based program is open to Daycare, Preschools, and Play Groups.



*Little Wheelers* is for children under the age of five with an adult companion. The lessons include reading a car-themed book in front of a real antique vehicle, pairing up with an adult for a “Gallery Hunt,” making a project in the Museum classroom, “driving” a pedal car, and dressing up to sit in three different antique cars. The program is offered at a discount group rate of \$5 per person for Daycare and Preschools. One adult per every 10 children is admitted FREE.

*Little Wheelers* includes five lesson options. This variety allows each lesson to be custom-tailored to the audience and encourages repeat visits to the Museum.



**This Car** (P. Collicutt)

Audience: Ages 1 - 4

A simple story with great interactive opportunities to connect with objects on display during the reading process. After the story, adults and children pair up for a gallery hunt for the biggest car, the longest car, a car with lights, a blue car, etc. Students make a custom made car stamps picture.

**Rattlebang Picnic** (M. Mahy & S. Kellog)

Audience: Ages 4 - 8

An antique car in a picnic scene is the backdrop for this story of a family of nine who picnic in a similar car. Preschoolers look at a real rumble seat as they act out parts of the story. The family in the story repairs their car’s wheel with an over-cooked pizza. In the Museum classroom, preschoolers make an edible pita pizza wheel. Using a “Detail Detective” card children hunt for different kinds of wheels.

**Miss Spider’s New Car** (D. Kirk)

Audience: Ages 3 - 7

In this fantasy story Miss Spider and her husband Holly go shopping for a new car. In the galleries, adult-child teams don “Spider Holly Glasses” and shop for their new car. In the classroom, preschoolers stamp with mini-cars.

**Alice Ramsey’s Grand Adventure** (D. Brown)

Audience: Ages 4 – 8

Using goggles and other props, children act out this true story of the first woman to drive across country in 1909. In the classroom they pack for a pretend road trip 100 years ago.



**Wheels on the Bus** (P. Zelinsky)

Audience: Ages 4 – 8

This book has wheels that spin, flaps and movable parts to make "wipers on the bus go swish swish swish." We board an antique bus, and sing a version of “The Wheels on the Bus” by “Mad Donna.” In the Museum classroom children make moveable paper wiper blades and learn about Mary Anderson’s trip to NY and how she invented window wipers 100 years ago.

At the conclusion of the lesson, participants are free to visit other areas of the Museum on their own. We ask that adults continue to supervise children and observe all Museum rules explained in the beginning of the lesson. There is a snack area in the Museum with vending machines.

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Develop a love of reading and museum-going for your preschoolers at this vital stage in their development!