



HALDIMAND MUSEUMS

Child's Play: A Century of Toys 1850s - 1950s

A travelling exhibit developed by Haldimand Museums and made possible in part through a grant from the Museums Assistance Program (MAP), Department of Canadian Heritage.

Exhibit Description

Toys have been a part of a child's experience since prehistoric times, helping to pass the time and impart knowledge and skills for survival. Between 1850 and 1950, the toy industry was revolutionized by industrial modes of production and began to take some of the forms that we see in today's toys. From homemade playthings to vast retail empires *Child's Play* examines a century of toys, games and childhood pastimes.

Booking Information

- Rental Fee: \$870 for 8 weeks or \$1300 for 12 weeks (plus HST); additional weeks @ \$110/wk.
- Shipping: Borrower responsible for all costs. Haldimand Museums responsible for transportation arrangements.
- Size: Designed for galleries between 300-900 square feet or 28 - 83 square meters.
- Layout: Suggested layout provided by Haldimand Museums; modular design allows flexibility.
- Availability: The exhibit is currently on tour and will be available for booking effective 2011.
- Language: Bilingual (English & French).

Highlights:

- Eight exhibit panels displaying text and images.
- Floor-sized game of *Snakes and Ladders*.
- A toy box filled with vintage and reproduction toys.
- Memory Station allows visitors to write stories of their own favourite toys or games.
- Toy making station where visitors can make their own Victorian optical illusion toy.
- Three display cases filled with artefacts from the Haldimand Museums collections.
- Listening station where visitors can learn about cross-cultural connections of common toys.
- Edukit and resource package to assist borrowing sites in planning public, educational and outreach programs.

Haldimand Museums is a group of local heritage sites owned and operated by the County of Haldimand.

- Edinburgh Square Heritage & Cultural Centre, Caledonia
- Haldimand County Museum and Archives, Cayuga
- Wilson Macdonald Memorial School Museum, Selkirk

Booking Queries:

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