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Sign Up for Free Family Tours and Films at the Morse This Summer

WINTER PARK, Fla. – In June and July, the Morse Museum invites families to experience its newest exhibition, *Dickens to Benton – Rare Books and Works on Paper from the Morse Collection*, through two free programs designed especially for elementary-school-aged children.

Every Tuesday, families can enjoy a guided tour through *Dickens to Benton* and take home a related art activity. Or on four select Fridays in June and July – June 15 and 29; and July 13 and 27 – they can see *Eric Carle: Picture Writer*, a 30-minute film about the celebrated children’s book illustrator Eric Carle, and then visit the exhibition and use the inspiration to create a personal work of art.

Space in these free programs is limited, and RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED. Call (407) 645-5311, ext. 117 to make a reservation or for more information. All children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

Children under age 12 receive free admission to the museum and are welcome any day of the week with their parents or guardians. Free family brochures about the museum’s special exhibitions are available upon request, each written to help visitors of all ages appreciate objects in the Morse collection.

Dickens to Benton – Rare Books and Works on Paper from the Morse Collection, which opened Jan. 30, showcases more than 65 books and 46 prints and drawings spanning a period from 1844

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to 1945. The children's books on exhibition, dating from the late-19th century, include those illustrated by British artists Kate Greenaway and Walter Crane and American artist Maxfield Parrish as well as a 1904 German edition of the Grimm fairy tales and a 1902 grade-school primer, the *Sunbonnet Babies' Primer*, written by author Eulalie Osgood Grover of Winter Park, Florida.

Artists represented among the prints and drawings include Mary Cassatt, Paul Cézanne, Arthur Bowen Davies, Paul Gauguin, Winslow Homer, Edward Hopper, Édouard Manet, Pierre-Auguste Renoir, and James Abbott McNeill Whistler.

The museum's summer hours are 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday. Admission is \$3 for adults, \$1 for students, free for children under 12.

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