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Hands-On History: Explore Victorian Children's Literature with LancasterHistory

November Program To Examine The Balance Between Play and Education

LANCASTER, Pa. – LancasterHistory invites the public to explore the fascinating world of children's literature from the Victorian era during its upcoming hands-on *Collections Up Close* program and pop-up exhibit titled "The Invention of Childhood." The event is scheduled for Saturday, November 18, at 2 p.m at LancasterHistory.

Attendees will have the unique opportunity to view and handle illustrated children's books from the period, pulled directly from LancasterHistory's expansive collections. The program will explore the balance between play and education within these works, how they reflect Victorian attitudes towards labor and empire, and the influence of technological advancements on book design during this era.

The *Collections Up Close* series offers attendees a closer look at specific artifacts, documents, and photos from the LancasterHistory collections. Led by knowledgeable LancasterHistory staff and visiting experts, these programs are conducted in a conversational setting, allowing participants to uncover the narratives behind each object. Through these stories, the items not only shed light on Lancaster County's history but also emphasize its significance within the

broader context of American history.

Due to the intimate nature of the *Collections Up Close* programs, the capacity for “The Invention of Childhood” event is limited. Advance registration is strongly recommended to secure a spot. Tickets are priced at \$10 for LancasterHistory Members and \$15 for Non-Members. To purchase or reserve tickets, interested parties can visit the [LancasterHistory website](#) or call (717) 392-4633.

About LancasterHistory

LancasterHistory is a community-based, not-for-profit organization established to educate the public on the history of Lancaster County and its place in the history of Pennsylvania and the United States, to advance the missions of regional historical organizations, and to promote the acquisition, preservation, and interpretation of resources representing the history of Lancaster County, Pennsylvania within the broader context of state and national history, including the homes of 15th US President James Buchanan and Congressman Thaddeus Stevens and Lydia Hamilton Smith.

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