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## EL MUSEO DEL BARRIO PRESENTS THE SUMMER SEASON OF ‘COQUI CLUB’ *Museum’s early childhood arts education program*

New York, NY, April 30, 2019- Learn, play, explore, and grow during El Museo’s monthly bilingual program for our tiniest visitors, Coquí Club. In its sixth year, the program, recommended for children ages 1-4 and their caregivers, provides visitors new ways of interacting with art and each other. With time for play, storytelling, museum walk and art making, Coquí Club provides a fun and active way to explore El Museo and enjoy creative themes together. The free program is held the first Wednesday and Saturday of each month.

COQUÍ CLUB: *Mi comunidad and me*

Saturday, June 1 and Wednesday, June 5

9:30–10:30am + 11am-12pm | Free. Space is limited.

This month our tiny visitors will explore how art can unite a community. Together we will read Innosanto Nagara’s *Counting on Community* and learn to recognize the value of their community and the agency they possess to make change. Afterwards, we will look at pieces from our Permanent Collection that strongly reflect the power of community and together we will create our community poster.

COQUÍ CLUB: *Green City / Mi ciudad verde*

Wednesday, July 3 and Saturday, July 6

9:30–10:30am + 11am-12pm | Free. Space is limited.

Explore the importance of community gardens as we read together Marie Lamba’s *Green, Green: A Community Gardening Story* and learn about the importance of gardens in the city. Afterwards, we will look at pieces from our Permanent Collection that highlight agriculture life and plant our own trees.

COQUÍ CLUB: *Our Herencias*

Saturday, August 3 and Wednesday, August 7

9:30–10:30am + 11am-12pm | Free. Space is limited.

In celebration of the beauty that lies in diversity, we will read together Alma Flor Ada’s *Yes! We are Latinos: Poems and Prose about the Latino Experience*and learn about each other’s culture and traditions. Afterwards, we will look at pieces from our Permanent Collection that introduces the rich diversity of cultures in the United States and together we will make a necklace that will reflect our diversity. 

COQUÍ CLUB: *Coquí’s Farm / La granja de Coquí*

Wednesday, September 4 and Saturday, September 7

9:30–10:30am + 11am-12pm | Free. Space is limited.

Explore the sounds and shapes of farm animals on Coquí’s farm. Together we will read *Aves y otros animales* to learn about different types of animals. Finally, we’ll look at pieces from the exhibition on view and create puppets of our favorite animals.

ABOUT EL MUSEO DEL BARRIO  
El Museo del Barrio, founded by a coalition of Puerto Rican parents, educators, artists, and activists, is the nation’s leading Latinx and Latin American cultural institution. The Museum welcomes visitors of all backgrounds to discover the artistic landscape of these communities through its extensive Permanent Collection, varied exhibitions and publications, bilingual public programs, educational activities, festivals, and special events.  
  
The Museum is located at 1230 Fifth Avenue at 104th Street in New York City, and open Wednesday to Saturday from 11:00am – 6:00pm, and Sunday from 12:00 to 5:00pm. Admission is Suggested.  
  
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