

Power of Play

The **P**ower of **P**lay is a temporary exhibit that showcases toys and games from the Manassas Museum's collection. Toys encourage children to be creative, problem solve, develop social skills, and of course, have fun! This exhibit highlights the important role that toys, games, and an imagination can play in a child's life, growth, and development.

While you are exploring the exhibit, consider how these toys are different from those children play with today. What values do they impart, and finally, which ones were your favorites?

With this card, you have a toy of your own to take home!



(open for more fun)



Included on this card is a paper doll of Big Red, the Manassas Museum Cat! Cut out Big Red and his accessories and use your imagination to take him on an adventure!



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There are many dolls in this exhibit, but this card contains the only paper doll! Paper dolls have been an inexpensive toy for children for over 150 years. Paper dolls were first manufactured in the U.S. in the mid-19th century. Newspapers and magazines published them both as playthings and to illustrate current fashion trends.



Cut out Big Red and his sweater and cap and take him on an adventure!



