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Highlights of science.08



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LEARN science the fun way during a month-long festival called science.08. This year's theme is Fast Forward: The Science Of Speed. The annual event is organised by the Agency for Science, Technology and Research and the Science Centre Singapore. Liaw Wy-Cin brings you some of the highlights:

Science Circus

Thought physics was boring? Not when juggling maestro Rhys Thomas demonstrates key concepts such as gravity with bowling ball juggling, centre of balance by riding a tall unicycle and inertia through the old tablecloth-pulling trick.

When: Today and tomorrow at noon, 2.30pm, 4.30pm, 7.30pm

Where: Marina Square Central Atrium

Invisible stuff

How do we know gases really exist when we can't see them? Catch demonstrations that explore the mysteries of invisible matter that will throw you 'off balance' as things do not appear to follow the basic 'rules of nature'.

When: Sept 6 at 11 am, 2pm, 5pm

Where: Singapore Botanic Gardens

It's all in the eyes

Don't believe everything you see. Your eyes may just be playing tricks on you.

Learn about optical illusions and how to make your own optical illusion toys.

When: Sept 6, 2.30pm to 3.30pm

Where: Kinokuniya Bookstore, Ngee Ann City.

Science movie festival and forums

Catch movies with science and environment themes such as Journey To The Centre Of The Earth 3D, Wall-E (above), 11th Hour, and Speed Racer at various times from Aug 30 to 31.

A forum on 11th Hour, a documentary on climate change, will be held after the movie is screened on Aug 30 at 4pm.

Together with the animated robot movie Wall-E, a special robotics-themed exhibition will be held from Aug 29 to Sept 7 at Plaza Singapura.

Movies are screened at GV VivoCity and GV Plaza.

Kids Science Fest

Watch for a show with enthralling demonstrations on how the brain has helped us in our lives, put up by an Australian act. There is also a carnival for children where they can test their speed and reflexes, and learn how the nervous system controls the speed of one's movements.

When: Sept 13 to 14; the show is on at 11am, 2pm and 4.30pm; carnival, 10am to 6pm

Where: Science Centre Singapore

For more information, go to www.sciencemonth.org.sg