LEGO pirates take over Surrey Museum

-NEW EXHIBIT

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The Pirates! Blocks 'n' Buccaneers exhibit opens Saturday, May 22.

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The LEGO-loving members of a local club are back at Surrey Museum, this time with a pirate-themed exhibit made of the tiny plastic bricks.

The Pirates! Blocks 'n' Buccaneers exhibit opens Saturday, May 22 and continues at the Cloverdale facility until Aug. 28.

The exhibits built by members of Vancouver LEGO Club are the museum's most popular, and this one should be no different.

This time, LEGO pirates from the past, present and future will be represented, with structures including a modern-day navy ship, a battle between pirates and an underwater scene. Among other creations, club members are making a 12-foot scale creation of the HMCS Winnipeg, a patrol frigate deployed by NATO in 2009 to defend against attacks from Somali-based pirates in the Gulf of Aden.

"I was in the exhibit with one of the LEGO club guys today, and (the exhibit) is crazy great," museum publicist Dani Brown told the Now this week. "Volcanoes erupt, whirlpools spin, pirates take over a town -- incredible. It's really an art form.... It's something to see."

Summer programs at Surrey Museum are available for pirate enthusiasts of all ages. Sew your own pirate flag, take a Treasure Trove Tot Tour and learn some master builder tricks with LEGO

pirates. During a Seafarers Fair on Aug. 7, guests are welcome to come in pirate costume, enjoy nautical-themed games and crafts and meet the museum's renaissance privateers.

The museum is at 17710 56A Ave. Hours of operation are Tuesdays to Fridays from 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. (closed Sundays, Mondays and stat holidays). Admission fees range from free (for kids five and under) to $5.50 for adults. For more details, call 604-592-6956 or click on www.heritage.surrey.ca.