



HAPPY SPRING!



Quarter 1, 2017

Museum Hours

Monday – Closed for Cleaning
 Tuesday – 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.
 Wednesday – 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.
 Thursday – 10 a.m. – 8 p.m.
 Friday – 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.
 Saturday – 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.
 Sunday – 1 p.m. – 5 p.m.

Admission

Members – FREE
 Children under 12 months – FREE
 Children (12 months – 12 yrs) – \$7.00
 Adults (13 to 59) – \$6.00
 Senior Citizens – (60+) \$5.00

Membership Rates

Family-\$90 for one year | \$10 a month
 Grandparents-\$90 for one year | \$10 a month
 Patron-\$125 for one year | \$14 a month
 Daycare-\$102 for one year | \$11 a month
 Day Care Center Plus-\$192 for one year | \$20 a month
 Sharing and Caring Scholarship -\$12 for one year
 (Income Guidelines apply)
 *Add Plus Two -\$12 more for one year | \$1 a month





It's SPRING! We had a fun winter dressing up as beautiful princes and princesses, enjoying adult time at our annual fundraiser, and creating beautiful music in our newest exhibit, Performing Arts. We are anxious to see what this Spring season will bring us as we plan more fun events and update exhibits. Soon the kiddos will be picking up Easter eggs and diving under the sea to hear the story of Ariel at our Storybook Walk in Yanney Park.

Some special news that I wanted to share about our 10th Annual Treasure Chest Dinner & Auction is that we BEAT our income goal by \$5,000! We're so grateful to have such amazing supporters and donors in our community. Amazing Arthur, the comedian and mentalist for the night, sure added some FUN to the night!

We're looking forward to field trip season picking up at the museum so we can share with even MORE children that the museum is more than just a place to play, but also a place for exploration, creativity, and discovery.

Traci Winscot
Executive Director

***Time spent playing with a child
is never wasted.***

-Dawn Lantero

Positive Partnerships

Over the years we have had the honor of working with amazing organizations within our community to offer educational programs for children that engage their imagination. One special partnership has been with the Crane River Theater Company. Over the years we have enjoyed having Explore Theater Camps at the museum, taught by Crane River Theater, that allow children to explore being a pirate, princess, jungle animal, and more. We are also grateful for their partnership during our Annual Storybook Walk at Yanney Park. Families enjoy activity stations themed off of their summer performance and get to mingle with characters from the show.

This year the Kearney Area Children's Museum was presented the award for "Outstanding Organizations" Taking Flight Award. We are humbled and grateful for this award and enjoyed attending their annual Overture Dinner. Thank you to Crane River Theater for your partnership and continued passion for sharing theater with children and the community.



All donations received from the Cornhole Tournament will be given to the children's museum! Thank you to JD's family & friends for thinking of us!



CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT

APRIL 8TH @

Sign up from
2:00-3:00



BAGS FLY
AT 3:00
BBQ @ 5:00

\$\$ Cash Prizes \$\$
1st, 2nd & 3rd Place
\$10 PER 2 PERSON TEAM
*** DOUBLE ELIMINATION ***
FOOD PROVIDED (FREE WILL DONATION)

Volunteer Spotlight Mercedes Phillips

Why do you choose to volunteer at the museum?

I love children, and I also love to explore and create the unknown, the museum combines both. Volunteering is a great experience to get involved with, especially when helping with something I enjoyed so much as a child. And what better than to volunteer with something you have a passion for. The museum is a great environment to be in and everyone there is so generous and willing to help at all times.

Why is the museum vital to our community?

The Children's Museum creates a rich environment that allows a child's curiosity and creativity to happen naturally. I loved the museum as a child and still do today, which is why I enjoy going back as a volunteer to help with the many group activities they have going on. It's a time to be with family and do something everyone can enjoy. From the fire station and craft center to even the grocery store, it teaches kids life lessons like helping each other, it allows them to experience lots of different interests and career paths so they may figure out what their passions in life will be, all starting at a young age. For a child, play is a way to explore, learn, develop skills, and make friends. I believe the museum helps a child learn social skills necessary to succeed in their adult lives or simply make friends.



Miss Nebraska Junior Teen 2017

Member Spotlight

Why is the museum vital to our community?

The museum is vital to our community because it gives our children opportunities to explore and use their imaginations in a fun, creative, & learning environment.

What do your children learn at the museum?

My children love going to the museum and they are always learning new and exciting things! Whether they are playing with friends, someone they just met, or exploring on their own- the learning opportunities are endless! I personally love how the museum encourages my children that they can be anything that they want to be.

How does the museum help your family?

The museum helps my family by providing a safe, learning environment with friendly staff who are always available to interact and lend a helping hand when needed. The museum gives us a place to go where our children are free to be themselves and explore the many areas in a safe environment! We also love bringing home "Treasures" from the gift shop where the fun continues in our home!

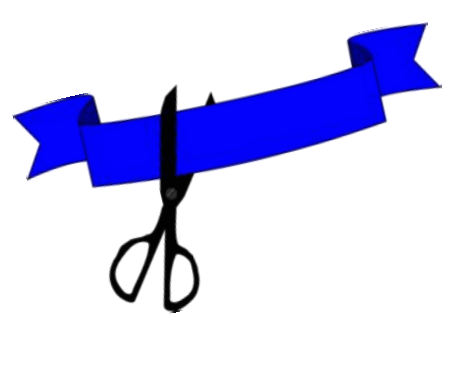
Marlow Family

**Jeremy & Meghan
Gavin, Breckyn, & Sebastian**



Exhibit Updates

We celebrated the opening of our newly renovated Performing Arts exhibit. Renovations included a new marquee, puppet area, fresh murals, instruments, costumes, new step piano with interactive screen, new seating, and new flooring. Renovations were made possible through funds provided by the Ron & Carol Cope Foundation. Others involved with making the updates a success were Stitch 3, Rustic Nebraska, Video Kingdom, Derek Rusher, YRTC youth, and Ryan Kohtz.



In the Works



Construction: We are currently measuring, brainstorming, and drawing up plans for new additions to this exhibit!



Train: A special feature will be added in Dobytown Junction!



Science: New activities for older kids will be coming in 2017!



Outdoor Classroom: We're expanding the museum to the great outdoors!

2017

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FÜN FACTS

- ◆ A bolt of lightning is six times hotter than the sun.
- ◆ Honeybees have hair on their eyes to help them collect pollen.
- ◆ An adult toad eats at least 100 bugs every day.
- ◆ If a mosquito is biting you and you flex that muscle, the mosquito will explode.
- ◆ When hippos are upset, their sweat turns red .

We exceeded our goal!



Raised \$18,950



THANK YOU for your donations!

Little Helpers for Spring

Spring is here and that means spring cleaning! If you are wondering how you will get anything done with a little one in the house, invite them to help. In our gift shop we have a few items that will be put to good use by your little helper! Items include a vacuum, sweep-mop-dust set, and windows/dishes set. There's a little bit of something for everyone. So, start shopping! (And remember, members receive 10% off EVERYDAY!)



Rebecca Zimelman
Operations Manager



Museum Part-Time Staff



Hailey Schroer



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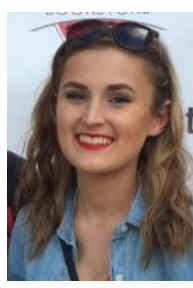
Paul Braden



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Maddie Squiers

Spring Into Action

With winter behind us it's time to step out of the cold and into a new way of thinking. Spring is always a great season to start things off with a fresh step! Sit down with your family and create BINGO cards that will encourage your family to complete a variety of tasks throughout the spring season. Cards can include spring cleaning tasks, fun meals you cook together, do something nice for a neighbor, or volunteer in the community. Every time you complete a square a family member can mark off the square or the kids can color and decorate the square with a sticker. Once the card is completed the family can decide on an extra special activity they want to. Enjoy your family and spring into action!



Jennifer Beck
Director of Community Engagement



Community Outreach

If you are an organization or business who serves families, let us know how we can partner with you!

Contact Jennifer Beck, Director of Community Engagement at: jennifer@kearneychildrensmuseum.org



Brainstorm Box

1. Visit your local home & garden store and purchase small terracotta pots, soil, and some seeds or plants.
2. Visit the craft store and pick up acrylic paints or foam stickers.
3. Paint or decorate your pot...or do both!
4. Plant your seeds or plant and watch it grow this spring.





April 2017

Programs & Events

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Mon: Closed Tues: 10-5 Wed: 10-5 Thurs: 10-8 Fri: 10-5 Sat: 10-5 Sun: 1-5</p>	<p>Can you find the umbrella in the calendar?</p> <p>Museum is Closed</p>	<p>National School Librarian Day! Take a gift to your librarian today.</p>	<p>☕ Morning Mingle 9am - 10am (Members Only)</p>	<p>6 Make It & Take It Littles 3:45pm-4:30pm \$5 per child, Ages 3-5 Make It & Take It Juniors 4:30pm-5:15pm \$10 per child, Ages 6-11</p>	<p> Friday Activity Safari Search throughout museum Available all day.</p>	<p>1 April Fools Day! Science Saturday "Fireproof Balloon" @ 3:00pm</p>
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<p>9</p>	<p>10 Museum is Closed</p>	<p>11 National Submarine Day! Enjoy a submarine craft in our Art Area. Available all day.</p>	<p>12 Wacky Fact Wednesday!</p>	<p>13 EGG-STRAVAGANZA! 5:30pm-8:00pm Egg Hunt at 6:30 Baby Lambs! Rock Wall! Bounce Houses! And More!</p>	<p>14 Friday Activity "Hot Hands Challenge" Space Area Available all day.</p>	<p>15 Science Saturday "Magic Filter" @3pm</p>
<p>16 </p>	<p>17 Museum is Closed</p>	<p>18 National Lineman Appreciation Day! Make thank you cards in our Art Area that will be delivered to NPPD</p>	<p>19 Wacky Fact Wednesday!</p>	<p>20 Free Family Fun Night 4:00-8:00pm Free Admission! Sponsored by </p>	<p>21 Friday Activity "Where in the World?" Ag Map Area Available all day.</p>	<p>22 Science Saturday "Rainbow Milk" @3pm</p>
<p>23</p>	<p>24 Museum is Closed</p>	<p>25 National Telephone Day! Make a Paper Cup Phone in our Art Area. Available all day.</p>	<p>26 Wacky Fact Wednesday!</p>	<p>27 </p>	<p>28 Friday Activity "Floss It! Dentist Area Available all day.</p>	<p>29 Science Saturday "Rain in a Cup" @3pm</p>
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