



Come Play,
Learn,
Grow!

Quarter 2, 2016

Note from the Director's Desk



Summer brings free play, ice cream, and camps; and all three are present at the museum. We've had top attendance numbers, celebrated National Chocolate Ice Cream Day in June, and have been filling up our summer camps. We know how to have FUN!

What a blessing it is to be an organization where everyone is happy when they walk through door! (Some kiddos have a different perspective when they leave, but for good reason of course!)

We're here to serve you and we want to do the best that we can. If you haven't yet, please take our membership survey on our website (or Facebook) and help us be the best children's museum for you and your family.

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

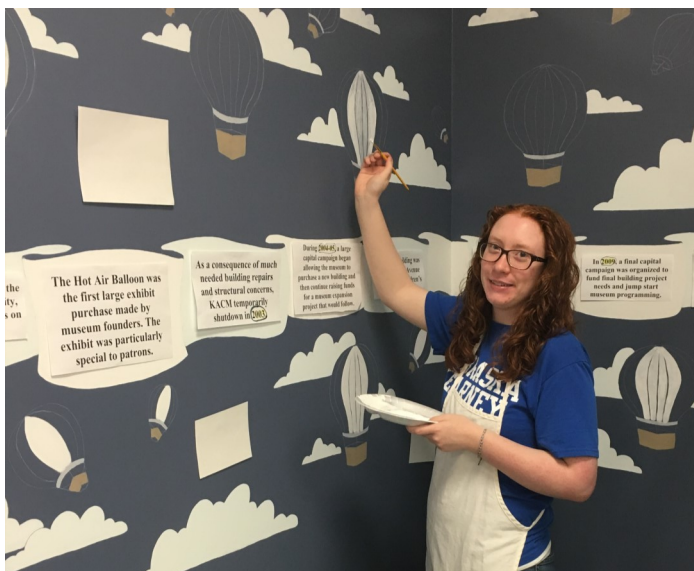


Traci Winscot
Executive Director



Volunteer Spotlight

We'd love to shine a light on this quarter's outstanding volunteer!



Kelsey Baxter

How did your love of art begin?

"I've always been interested in art because I have many family members that are artists so I've grown up around it a lot."

What are some of your favorite hobbies?

"I like painting and reading. I like to experiment with different styles of painting. My favorite style is 'realistic'. One of my favorite books is The Art Spirit by Robert Henri, an artist from Cozad, NE."

What is your favorite quote?

"The greater danger for most of us lies not in setting our aim too high and falling short; but in setting our aim too low, and achieving our mark." - Michelangelo

Why did you choose to volunteer at the KACM?

"I like volunteering at the KACM because I have a lot of good memories of the old children's museum. I had a lot of birthday parties there in elementary school and this is a way of giving back."

Interested in becoming a volunteer? Contact Jennifer Beck, Director of Community Engagement
jennifer@kearneychildrensmuseum.org

1st Annual Talent Show

Great talent hit the stage this year for our first annual Talent Show! Each participant shared their love of performing and their talent in the areas of singing and playing the piano. Each participant did an amazing job and received a blue ribbon and a flower. The show was followed by a cookie and punch reception. We will be holding another Talent Show in the Fall, so start thinking about the talent you would like to share! Whether you can sing, dance, do magic tricks, or play a musical instrument, the stage is yours so start practicing!

Save the Date: November 10, 2016!



Exhibit Updates

We are moving full steam ahead with making changes to our exhibits! Our Toddler Train area has been given a new look with two new interactive tables, complete with beautiful murals completed by local art students from the University of Nebraska at Kearney.

This renovation was made possible with a grant through the Union Pacific Foundation, Dobytown Kiwanis, Paul Braden, museum board members, and UNK art students.



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Our Party Room got a fresh coat of paint that brightens up the space along with colorful curtains for the window! We will be adding a few more things to bring this space together, so be on the lookout.



In the Works

We are actively working on improving our exhibits! Keep your eyes open for new changes in the following areas:

- ◆ Construction
- ◆ Agriculture
- ◆ Public Safety: Fire & Police
- ◆ Performing Arts: Theater-Music-Dance
- ◆ Science
- ◆ Founders Nook
- ◆ Party Room



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FÜN FACTS

- There are more than 100 feet of track in our Toddler Train Exhibit
- The ambulance, fire engine and police car were all once working vehicles in our community
- We have an astronaut helmet in our Science Exhibit signed by former Astronaut Clayton Andersen

Traveling Exhibits

We are one of the lucky host sites for the newest traveling exhibits making it's way through Nebraska! Let us introduce you to NANO Science!

Imagine and discover a world you can't see! "Nano" is an exciting new exhibition for family audiences to learn about the extremely small scale of science, technology and engineering—with a nanometer measuring one billionth of a meter. Interactions of materials at this tiny level shape our world in powerful ways.

The exhibit was awarded by NISE Net, the Nanoscale Informal Science Education Network, to Nebraska EPSCoR and the Nebraska Center for Materials and Nanoscience (NCMN).

The Nano exhibit includes hands-on, interactive stations—interesting and informative for all ages—that invite exploration of nano phenomena and real world applications and implications.

This exhibit will be with us until the end of August so check it out today!



2016 Museum Donors to Date

\$5,000 and Up

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Thank you for helping make a difference!

Between the Sunscreen and Road Trips



Jennifer Beck
Director of Community Engagement

With all of the opportunities to lather on the sunscreen, grill up the burgers, or take that family vacation it seems that our summers are busier than the rest of the year.

In the midst of the busy schedule summer can bring, we invite you to join us for some family fun at the museum. We have a schedule full of activities that make a great alternative if you are wanting to step in out of the sun or just looking for something in the AC! Always remember that the time you take to simply play with your children is one of the greatest investments to your child's growth and well being. Happy Summer!



July 2016

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 frog hidden in the calendar?</p>		<p>Get your tickets to Roadway Heroes! It's happening August 13 from 10-1 at the Buffalo County Fairgrounds. Get tickets online at keameychildrensmuseum.org</p>		<p>1 No Camps Today</p> <p>Friday Activity: ABC JUMP! Say your ABC's while jumping on our trampoline!</p>	<p>2 Science Saturday: Simple science activities will be offered several times throughout the day. Free with general admission.</p>
3	<p>4 Happy July 4th Closed for Cleaning</p>	<p>5 National Graham Cracker Day</p> <p>Join us from 3p-4p for a snack of graham crackers and juice! First come first serve. Free with general admission.</p>	<p>6 Moming Mingle 9am - 10am (Members Only)</p> <p>Wacky Fact Wednesday! Visit the museum for a wacky fact</p>	7	<p>8 Kids Under Construction 8am-3pm</p> <p>Friday Activity: Nano Time! Visit our Nano exhibit and find the butterfly. What did you learn about it's wings? Free with general admission</p>	<p>9 Science Saturday: Simple science activities will be offered several times throughout the day. Free with general admission.</p>
10	<p>11 Closed for Cleaning</p> <p>Pirate for a Day Camp 9am-12pm</p>	<p>12 National Different Colored Eyes Day</p> <p>Stop by the museum and draw a self portrait in our Art Studio! Free with general admission, available all day</p> <p>Under the Sea for a Day Camp 9am-12pm</p>	<p>13 Wacky Fact Wednesday! Visit the museum for a wacky fact</p> <p>Minion for a Day Camp 9am-12pm</p>	14	<p>15 Friday Activity: Puppets! Create your own puppet show in our theater area Free with general admission</p> <p>Princess for a Day Camp #2 9am-12pm</p>	<p>16 Science Saturday: Simple science activities will be offered several times throughout the day. Free with general admission.</p>
17	<p>18 Closed for Cleaning</p>	<p>19 National Raspberry Day</p> <p>Stop by the museum and taste some raspberries! First come first serve. Free with general admission, while supplies last</p>	<p>20 Wacky Fact Wednesday! Visit the museum for a wacky fact</p>	<p>21 Free Family Fun Night 4pm-8pm!</p> <p>Playhouse Raffle at 7:00pm</p>	<p>22 Chefs Are We Camp 8am-3pm-REGISTRATION CLOSED</p> <p>Friday Activity: Egg Carton Caterpillars Make your own fuzzy friend in our art area Free with general admission</p>	<p>23 Science Saturday: Simple science activities will be offered several times throughout the day. Free with general admission.</p>
24	<p>25 Closed for Cleaning</p>	<p>26 National Aunt & Uncles Day</p> <p>Stop by the museum and make a surprise card for your aunt or uncle. Free with general admission, available all day</p>	<p>27 Wacky Fact Wednesday! Visit the museum for a wacky fact!</p> <p>Make It & Take It 3:45-4:45 Snap! Crackle! Pop!</p>	28	<p>29 Backyard Camp Out 8am-3pm</p> <p>Friday Activity: What is made from corn? Stop by Ag exhibit and read the book "The Fantastic Corn Quest" Free with general admission</p>	<p>30 Science Saturday: Simple science activities will be offered several times throughout the day. Free with general</p>
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Community Outreach

If you hang out with us for too long you never know what will happen! We brought out the red noses and funny glasses to celebrate National Red Nose Day, and had a refreshing treat for National Chocolate Ice Cream Day!



Programs & Events

We've been busy celebrating! This year we celebrated our 27th birthday in honor of Alia Joy Arram. To help us celebrate families were able to enjoy a Free Family Fun Night sponsored by Schrock Chiropractic & Acupuncture, and attended a special presentation with refreshments to celebrate the life of Alia Arram. We also learned all about staying safe at home, the pool, and in the car with Safe Kids Platte Valley!





Rainbow Milk



What you need:

- Shallow dish or pan
- Whole milk
- Food Coloring: 2-3 colors
- Liquid dish soap
- Toothpicks

What you do:

Carefully pour the milk into the tray so that it just covers the bottom then add about 6-8 drops of food coloring alternating colors onto the milk in different spots.

Add about 5 drops of the liquid soap onto the drops of food coloring and see what happens! Use toothpicks to make designs in the milk!

So, what's happening?

The main job of dish soap is to go after fat and break it down.. When you drop the liquid soap onto the tray, it reacted to the fat in the milk and made the colors move in all different directions to create Rainbow Milk!

Roadway Heroes
Big Rigs.
Big Imaginations.
Big Smiles.

Mark Your Calendars!
Saturday, August 13 10:00AM-1:00PM