



Winter News



Quarter 4, 2017

A chubby little snowman with an orange carrot nose. Here comes a rabbit, and what you do you suppose?

It looks like the rabbit is hungry and ready for lunch, so he grabbed the carrot nose...crunch, crunch, crunch!



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.

NEW 2018 Admission Pricing

Members – FREE
 Children under 12 months – FREE
 Children (12 months – 13 yrs) – \$8.00
 Adults (14 to 59) – \$7.00
 Senior Citizens – (60+) \$6.00

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

A note from the Director's Desk



Happy New Year!

Between the hustle and bustle of holiday shopping, spending time with loved ones, and playing in the snow, I hope that you all have had a chance to stop by the museum and experience some of our new exhibits and activities.

We opened up Phase 1 of our Construction Exhibit where children can experience what it takes to build a new house! Whether that's working with simple machines, picking out flooring, or working on their hammering skills, this area is sure to help them use spatial reasoning and tactile learning. We've also started an event where parents can drop off their children at the museum for an evening of activities, supper, and a movie! We've had a great turnout each month and plan on continuing it. So mark the second Friday of each month as a "Parent Date Night" and let us take care of the kiddos!

Also, this past month we had a successful fundraising event through Give Where You Live. Over \$7,500 was designated to the museum! We truly appreciate the support and generosity in helping us inspire play and exploration for families in the Kearney area. We couldn't do what we do without your attendance, your memberships, and your donations. Let's make 2018 a very special year to remember!

Traci Winscot
Executive Director

*A new year is the
best time to make
fresh new beginnings.*

CHECK OUT SOME OF THE FUN

Memories of 2017

AT THE KEARNEY AREA CHILDREN'S MUSEUM



Volunteer Spotlight



Developmental
Services of
Nebraska, Inc.

Developmental Services of Nebraska - Kearney Location

Why do you choose to volunteer at the museum?

DSN is always looking for new volunteer experiences that allow individuals both the opportunity to integrate into the community and to learn from different experiences. We feel like these volunteer opportunities teach them valuable skills and fits perfectly with our mission. To be able to do that at a fun place like the Children's Museum is a perfect fit.

Why is the museum vital to our community?

The children's museum brings so much to the table as a learning and entertainment center for kids in the community. It gives families the chance to experience so many different things. The events that KACM has are all top notch and certainly something the community looks forward to. We enjoy being a small part of that.

Member Spotlight

Why is the museum vital to our community?

It's a place for kids to just be kids. It's a great place for learning people skills and sharing.

What do children learn at the museum?

Problem solving. Sharing. Creativity. Independence. My son leaves happy and he always looks forward to returning. It's nice that learning takes place within the exhibits. Putting together LEGOs seems like fun and then you realize it's spatial learning and dexterity development all rolled into those blocks.

Amy, Michael and Drake DeLorm



How does the museum help your family?

The museum allows my son to explore and discover at his own pace. He can play with others or by himself as his mood dictates. He enjoys attending Make It & Take It classes as well as Kids Night Out. He often asks if it's KNO and he counts down at home until the next one. He loves the familiar exhibits but also likes seeing new ones. The museum helps him socialize and share with others.

Exhibit Updates

Our construction exhibit is NOW OPEN! This area will engage the mind, muscles, and imaginations of the kiddos. Children will experience hand-eye coordination with the tools, spatial and deductive reasoning with the Magnatiles, and explore the different types of simple machines. PLUS you can design your dream home with our custom-built dollhouse!

This definitely wouldn't be possible without the support and generosity of many organizations and individuals:

Tami Moore & Family

Builders Warehouse - Bob Derr & Stacy Bivona

Fiddelke Heating & Air Conditioning

Stitch 3

Paul Braden

KACM Exhibits Committee

Phase 1



In the Works



Construction - Phase 2: We are excited to bring a fresh look and features that incorporate drafting/architecture to our current LEGO area! Be on the lookout for our new additions and a grand opening.



Mother's Room/Peek-A-Boo Park: We are excited to announce that we will be renovating this space! More information coming soon.



Agriculture "Farm to Table" Expansion: With generous support from Pioneer DuPont, we will be expanding Agriculture exhibit in 2018.



Little Sprouts Outdoor Classroom - Phase 2: With our renovations for Phase 1 complete, we are looking forward to starting the next phase which will include raised garden beds. Stay tuned!

2018

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Welcome New Board Members

Korena Nolan Ellie Schroeder
Janell Brown Brooke Ward
Jennifer Rowling Amy Kuchera
Sheryl Feinstein Nicole Krantz
Kylee Fish

Museum Leadership

Traci Winscot
Jennifer Beck

Museum Part-Time Staff

Brin, Chloe, Joni, Makenzie, Destiny,
Samantha, Leslie, Morgan, Paul

FÜN FACTS

- ♦ A shrimps heart is in its head.
- ♦ Some lipsticks contain fish scales.
- ♦ Tigers have striped skin, not just striped fur.
- ♦ A giant squid has the largest eyes in the world.
- ♦ Chorophobia is a morbid fear of dancing.

What have we been up to the past 3 months?



#playearngrow

Meet our Part Time Staff



Destiny G. is a freshman at UNK majoring in Social Work.

"I love that the museum has so many different exhibits and that it's all interactive!"



Morgan W. is a junior at UNK and is majoring in Nursing.

"I love everything about the museum!"



Chloe S. is a sophomore at UNK and is double-majoring in Early Childhood Education and Communication Disorders.

"One thing I love about the museum is watching children and families be together. "



Joni D. is a preschool teacher at the YMCA in Kearney.

"I work part time at the Children's Museum and love working at the museum because I love watching kids play, learn, and create in a safe and fun environment!"



Brin B. is a senior at UNK majoring in Early Childhood Inclusive with a specification in birth-5.

"I love seeing how kids are excited about learning and playing with us. "



Makenzie P. is a freshman at UNK and is majoring in English Education 7-12.

"My favorite part of the museum is our fun and friendly staff!"



Samantha P. is a freshman at UNK majoring in Nursing and minoring in Healthcare Management.

"I enjoy seeing all the different children that come to the museum and how happy they are to be there."



Leslie S. is a freshman at UNK and majoring in radiography.

"My favorite part of the children's museum is working with the wonderful staff!"



Paul B. is our museum handyman, train exhibit conductor, and the president of Dobytown Kiwanis.

"I enjoy helping with Dobytown Junction and seeing the kids enjoy the trains is always fun."



Happy New Year!

I can't believe another year has past and another year has begun. Isn't it so easy to get caught up into the day-to-day routine that we forget to slow down? Time really does fly and it's important to pay attention to each passing moment. As 2018 begins, I challenge you to slow down, cherish the important things, hug your loved ones a little tighter, and simply enjoy the little things. Happy New Year! I look forward to seeing you at the museum.

Child Interaction Tip:

Compliment your child on a character trait instead of their outfit or physical characteristics.
Example: "I love your compassionate heart!"



Jennifer Beck
Director of Community Engagement



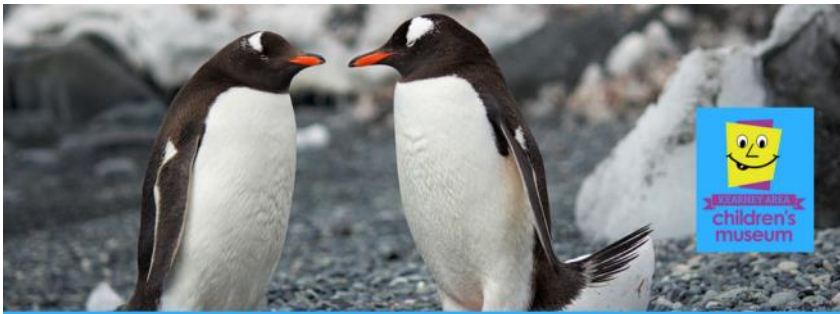
Brainstorm Box

Winter weather got you stuck inside? Here are a few ideas!

- ♦ Play hide and seek
- ♦ Bake cookies
- ♦ Make homemade play-dough
- ♦ Build a fort
- ♦ Watch your favorite movie
- ♦ Put on your own play



Upcoming Events



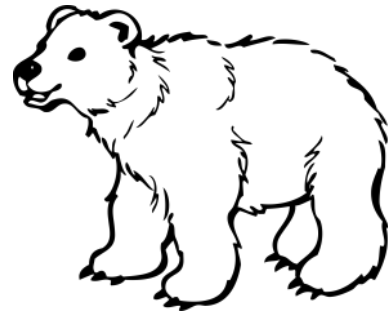
MAKE IT & TAKE IT CLASS

Thursday, January 11

Littles Class - Ages 3-5, \$5 per child, 3:45-4:30

Juniors Class - Ages 6-11, \$10 per child, 4:30-5:15

Reserve Your Spot!



KIDS NIGHT OUT AT THE MUSEUM

(aka Date Night for Parents!)

Friday, January 12, 2018 • 6:00pm-8:30pm
Ages 3-12 • \$10 Members, \$15 Non Members
(All 3 year olds must be potty trained.)

Dinner - Ham or Turkey & Cheese Sandwiches,
Fruit, Cookie, Lemonade or Water
Free Play in Exhibits
Kids Activities & More

REGISTER TODAY!





Kids Winter Gala

FRIDAY, JANUARY 19 FROM 6:30PM-8:30PM

AGES 4-12: \$10 MEMBER, \$15 NON-MEMBER

RAFFLE TICKET \$2 EACH

FREE PLAY IN EXHIBITS
WINTER CRAFT STATIONS
HOT CHOCOLATE & COOKIES
PHOTO BOOTH...AND MORE!

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Register online or stop in the museum!



Saturday, February 10
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6:00 pm cocktail hour / 7:00 pm dinner served

Younes Conference Center

416 Talmadge Road, Kearney, Nebraska

\$60 per ticket / \$500 per table of 10

*There will be a silent auction followed by entertainment
from Lee Cole and his Magicomedy show.
cocktail attire and cash bar*

New Partnership!

We are excited to partner with Raising Canes- Kearney!




















On November 1st, the Kearney Area Children's Museum was presented with a \$8,249.03 check from Raising Cane's! This was 100% of the sales during their Family and Friends event that was hosted before they opened their doors to the public.

Thank you Raising Cane's for the VERY kind donation to help us inspire play, exploration, and discovery for our guests. They truly are serious about giving and being a strong partner in the community.



January 2018

Programs & Events

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 HAPPY NEW YEAR!  Museum is Closed	2 National Science Fiction Day! What is your favorite science fiction book or movie?	3 Morning Mingle 9am - 10am (Members Only) Wacky Fact Wednesday!	4 	5 Friday Activity Build a Snowman LEGO Area	6 
7	8  Museum is Closed	9 National Law Enforcement Appreciation Day! Make a card in our Art Area to be given to our local officers. 	10 Wacky Fact Wednesday!	11 Make It & Take It "Littles" 3:45-4:45 \$5 per child, Ages 3-5 Make It & Take It "Juniors" 3:45-4:45 \$10 per child, Ages 6-11	12 Friday Activity Hammer Time! Construction Area Kids Night Out 6:00- 8:30 Ages 4-12 \$10 Members \$15 Non Members 	13
14 Can you find the gloves hidden in the calendar?	15  Museum is Closed	16 National Hat Day! Wear your favorite hat to the museum today! 	17 Wacky Fact Wednesday!	18 Free Family Fun Night 4:00-8:00 Free Admission!	19 Friday Activity Arctic Animals in Art Area Kids Winter Gala 6:00- 8:00 Ages 4-10 \$10 Members \$15 Non Members 	20
21 	22  Museum is Closed	23 National Pie Day! Go to Perkins and enjoy a slice of pie! 	24 Wacky Fact Wednesday!	25 	26 Friday Activity My Mittens in Art Area 	27
28	29  Museum is Closed	30 National Croissant Day! Buy some croissants and honey for a yummy snack! 	31 Wacky Fact Wednesday!	 Mon: Closed Tues: 10-5 Wed: 10-5 Thurs: 10-8 Fri: 10-5 Sat: 10-5 Sun: 1-5 Upcoming Events and Programs 11th Annual Treasure Chest - February 10, 6pm Chocolate Camp - February 15 from 8-3 Cupid Camp - February 16 from 8-3 EGG-stravaganza - March 29 from 5:30-8		