Summer News

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 Rates
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
I can’t believe 2018 is already HALF over! We’ve been busy renovating exhibits, hosting Forever Forest, selling out our summer camps, and being a field-trip location for over 40 different schools. Whew!

I had the pleasure of attending the Association of Children’s Museum Annual Conference in Raleigh, NC this spring and was able to grab some awesome nuggets of information that I’m excited to incorporate in the museum. We are continually looking for individual and corporate sponsors to help add new components to the museum and to help us continue to offer our ever-popular Sharing & Caring Memberships. If you or if you know someone that is looking to make an impact in the community, I would love to chat!

We again are very grateful to the Kearney Noon Kiwanis for donating this beautiful playhouse so we can raffle it off to a lucky family! I encourage you to purchase your raffle tickets (1/$10 or 5/$40) as we will draw a winner on July 19th! We think it’ll look good in your backyard!

P.S. Did you know next year the museum will be celebrating it’s 30th birthday?!

Traci Winscot
Executive Director
Volunteer Spotlight  

**Melissa Scott-Pandorf**

**Why do you choose to volunteer at the museum?**
The Kearney Area Children’s Museum is such a wonderful asset to our community! I am passionate about investing in my local community and believe that bettering the world starts right here in our own yard. I enjoy providing children with opportunities to play and explore with their imaginations while gaining skills in STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math). My career with NASA’s Johnson Space Center has allowed me to bring unique opportunities to our community and specifically to the children’s museum! With 4 children, the museum is the perfect fit to spend my time and resources.

**What is your advice for someone considering becoming a volunteer?**
If you are considering volunteering at the museum I would absolutely recommend it. There are so many different ways you can help out. If you love playing with children, providing legal guidance, drawing, painting, finance management, being innovative, or building/construction there are opportunities for you to help make a positive impact! I have been volunteering at the museum for over 5 years and I have seen the museum grow and inspire so many! Personally, it has challenged me to be more business savvy, more creative and thoughtful. It’s a very rewarding environment!

**Why is the museum vital to our community?**
One of the goals we often talk about in exhibits meetings is providing access to all children in the community and surrounding areas to STEAM regardless of their financial status. We are constantly offering programming and new exhibits to provide these opportunities. We then offer significantly discounted memberships for those in need and one free Thursday night per month to meet this goal! Additionally, I really see the museum as a source of pride for the Kearney area. We repeatedly receive feedback that our museum is a favorite. I’ve also been told our museum is preferred over larger city museums due to its layout and exhibits that truly encourage imaginative play!

Member Spotlight  

**The Dimas Family**

**What do children learn at the museum?**
I believe having the children’s museum is a community wide investment for our children. It is vital to help our children grow, live and learn and in what better way than educational play!

**How does the museum help your family?**
The museum has helped our children grow in numerous ways. It keeps them thinking critically and it’s fun to see their imaginations spark while engaging in all the activities the museum has to offer.

**Why is the museum vital to our community?**
Through the interactive exhibits and hands-on play, my children have learned how to interact with other children and staff as well as learn how to overcome obstacles, such as learning how to climb the rock wall.
3 Exhibit Ribbon Cuttings!

We’ve been busy keeping things fresh and engaging here at KACM!

- Our Construction Exhibit expanded to incorporate architecture and drafting in our new Design Zone! A special thank you for Tami Moore & Family for their support of this space.

- Our Mother’s Room & Toddler Exhibit “Peek-a-Boo Park” received a fresh new look and better serves families with babies and toddlers. Thank you to CHI Health Good Samaritan for their generous support.

- We welcomed a special traveling exhibit called “Forever Forest”! This unique exhibit explores the forestry industry and how it affects our lives every day. It is the result of an official partnership with the Hardwood Forest Foundation and Omaha Children’s Museum established to help transform the educational kit, The Truth About Trees, into an immersive and engaging learning experience. Our museum was proud to be the exhibit’s first stop on its national tour. The national tour of Forever Forest is presented by Union Pacific Foundation and supported by the North American Wholesale Lumber Association. It is here until July 8th so hurry in!

FUN FACTS

- The DNA in a person’s body, when uncoiled, can stretch from Pluto to the Sun and back.

- A person’s sneeze can travel at speeds of about 100 miles per hour!

- Fleas can jump around 130 times their own height. So if a flea were a person six feet high, it could jump 780 feet high just like that. No superpowers needed!
What have we been up to the past 3 months?
2018 Donors
We couldn’t have a successful organization without YOUR generosity!

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Sunshine and Snapshots

Summer is here, the sunshine is out in full force, and summer fun is happening everywhere! When talking with people the most common phrase is, “We’re just so busy!” or “It’s flying by so fast!” I have to say this is very true!

It seems that our summers are more packed than the rest of the year. We strive to stuff as many activities and memory-making moments into a few months before the sunshine turns to crisp breezes with winter on the horizon. Each season holds its own beauty so I encourage you to hold on to the snapshots that make a season so memorable.

Child Interaction Tip:
- Kids need the opportunity to imagine a grandiose future
- We are here to show our hearts and souls with children. Don’t be afraid to be vulnerable.
- Ask children what they are passionate about. It may surprise you!
- Trust that children know what they need to do in a situation. Give them the chance to explore options until they move forward or need your help.

Jennifer Beck
Director of Community Engagement

Brainstorm Box

Purchase a small notebook for your child and encourage them to draw or journal about their favorite memory from each day. At the end of each month let each child share with the family a few of their journal entries. This will create a thankful heart as they reflect on the blessings in their life.

Tip: Parents can do this too! Make it a family activity.
So many benefits of being a KACM member!

Do you know about our membership and its perks?

Beat the summer heat and join our museum for an exciting learning experience.

Be a member today and get an unlimited pass to the museum for an entire year for your family. Added bonuses: receive a discount on our birthday party rates, enjoy member-only hours every month, discounts on camps & classes and a 10% discount on our gift shop items.

If you are already a member, don’t forget to renew your membership before the expiration date for $10 off and a free extra month on your yearly membership.

Did You Know?

Melissa & Doug make toys and products that offer Countless Ways to Play.

5 reasons to believe in “Free Play”:
- Play reveals passions.
- Play promotes creativity & problem-solving.
- Play develops resilience & grit.
- Play builds social skills.
- Play sharpens cognitive skills.
(Source: Melissa & Doug)

Activity Ideas for Family Road Trips:
Discover our Road Trip Toys that play double duty. Engage your children in a fun, learning and creative activities while you are on road trips. Children will enjoy our flip-to-win Hangman game or reusable puffy stickers’ book or learning mats with various activities or fun water wows that are available in our gift shop.
Remember: Members get an exclusive 10% discount at our gift shop!

Radhika Thapaliya
Operations Manager
Normal Monthly Programs with NEW DATES!

Morning Mingle
Tuesday, July 3
9:00-10:00 am
Members Only
Hot drinks, breakfast pastries, & free play!

We know you all LOVE our monthly Morning Mingle event so we didn’t want to skip July’s just because it was on a day that we are closed to the public. So please join us a day EARLY on Tuesday, July 3 for coffee, chai, breakfast treats, and a fun time!

It may be a week later, but we can guarantee it’s going to be a BLAST! All kiddos are encouraged to bring their “wheels of choice” while the parents head down to the Cruise Night festivities. We also extended it another HOUR!

KIDS NIGHT OUT AT THE MUSEUM
CRUISE NIGHT SPECIAL!
NEW Date - NEW Time - MORE FUN!
Friday, July 20, 2018 • 6:00pm-9:30pm
Ages 3-12 • $15 Members, $20 Non Members
(All 3 year olds must be potty trained.)

Bring your bikes, trikes, and scooters as we’ll host our own "Cruise Night" in the museum parking lot with glow necklaces!

Dinner includes: Ham or Turkey Sandwich, Fruit, Cookie, Lemonade or Water

REGISTER TODAY!

Dinner sponsored by Walmart
Save money. Live better.
Upcoming Events

**MAKE IT & TAKE IT CLASS**

**Thursday, July 12**

Littles Class - Ages 3-5, $5 per child, 3:45-4:30
Juniors Class - Ages 6-11, $10 per child, 4:30-5:15

We are decorating foam visors, paddle ball games, and more! Plus, we'll cool down with a popsicle after class.

**Reserve Your Spot!**

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**Free Family Fun Night**

**Thursday, July 19 From 4:00-8:00PM**

Enjoy a night out with the family, explore museum exhibits and special activities!

'Pop' in for tasty snack!

Sponsored by Boys Town
New Partnership!
We are excited to partner with Funtastic!

Also, don’t forget to show your card at Raising Canes EVERY time you eat!
## July 2018 Programs & Events

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[kearneychildrensmuseum.org](http://kearneychildrensmuseum.org) 308-698-2228
General Camp Information
Members: $20 per camp
Non Members: $30 per camp
**June 22 Field Trip Camp Price
$25 Members, $35 Non Members

Ages: 4 - 10
All Camps run from 8am-3pm on Fridays

Things to Know
- Camps are designed to incorporate free play, teamwork, themed activities, and develop skills in art, math, science, reading, and positive social interactions with others.
- Children will need to bring a sack lunch.
- We provide an AM and PM snack. If your child has a food allergy feel free to provide snacks for them.
- No flip-flops allowed. Sandals need heel strap and be secure on the foot. Shoes need to be well fitted.
- Camp registrations are non-refundable.

Explore Theater Camps
“**Top Are half day

July 9
Pirate for a Day Ages 4-6, $20 M/NM
“Yo-Ho-Ho a Pirate’s Life for me!” Take to the seas with a raving band of pirates as kids walk the plank, swab the decks, and search for hidden treasure in this interactive workshop for boys and girls. Treasure Chest Treat Box filled with goodies included.

July 10
Seuss for a Day Ages 4-6, $20 M/NM
“Today you are you” That is truer than true!
There is no one alive more youér than you! Dr. Seuss, a fantastical, magical, extravaganza awaits you as we jump into the world of Seuss!
The workshop lovingly brings together favorite characters through stories, games, crafts, and song!

July 11
Troll for a Day Ages 4-6, $20 M/NM
Join Poppy and her friends as they set off on an adventure to save the Troll Village from the Bergens. They will have to solve riddles and challenges and learn to work together to reach each other and work together. Kids will explore their “TRUE COLORS” through games, crafts, and songs!

July 12
Jungle for a Day Ages 4-6, $20 M/NM
Go on a safari filled with exotic animals! Kids will explore what it’s like to be lions, tigers and bears (oh my!) in this interactive workshop. They will play games, sing songs, and learn all about life in the jungle!

July 13
Princess for a Day Ages 4-6, $20 M/NM
Learn what it takes to be royalty in this magical class that allows every girl the opportunity to step into the shoes of a princess. There will even be special appearances from Belle, Snow White, Cinderella, Anna and Elsa themselves. Princess Tote Bag included.

Mighty Acorns May 25
This camp is for kids who have a green thumb! We will plant a garden in the dirt with basic gardening, and learn more about the plants and critters found on our planet.

Movers & Shakers July 27
Get your heart pumping with interactive activities. Minute to Win It challenges, a fun dance off, and outdoor games.

Hidden Treasures May 26
Guard the secrets of our camp! What will you find? A hidden treasure of adventure!!!

Big Thinkers June 15
Put your thinking cap on and enjoy a full day of inventing at the Science, Technology, Engineering and Math Tours!

**Out of this World June 22
3-2-1... Camp time! We are exploring all things space with stomp rockets, telescopes, and more!

**Mystery Kids June 29
We need your help to solve our mystery! Help us find clues and solve the mystery, and uncover important clues to help us complete our mission.

Kids Under Construction July 6
Grab your hammer and hard hat. It’s time to build!
We will practice hammer skills, paint birdhouses, build a giant fort with cardboard boxes and more!

Movers & Shakers July 27
Get your heart pumping with interactive activities. Minute to Win It challenges, a fun dance off, and outdoor games.

Totally Trains August 3
Choo Choo! Come ride the rails as we explore the world of locomotives. We will learn about train whistles, signals, and train safety!

Camp Yellow Bus August 10
Don’t miss the bus! Join us for the last camp of the summer packed full of back-to-school fun. Hall pass not required!