



HELLO SPRING!



Spring Newsletter 2019



Quarter 1, 2019

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 (1 yr – 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

Traci Winscot, KACM Executive Director



Happy Spring to you! I am loving this new weather and it's making me anticipate all of the upcoming summer activities even more.

Whether it's having a 3,000 egg hunt, celebrating our 30th birthday, or hosting 15 summer camps, we are excited to provide educational and fun opportunities for kiddos and their families. We are even more grateful to have 34 field trips scheduled this year so we can be a fun learning destination for area elementary students. The museum engages children's creativity with hands-on exploration, movement, teamwork, open-ended play and problem-solving strategies. The 20+ exhibits complement classroom curriculum and provide opportunities for interdisciplinary learning—blending art with science and environmental education with social studies. Let the field trip season begin!

I encourage you to spend some quality time at the museum this spring as we are continually renovating exhibits, hosting new programs (even adult-only events!), and providing a great outdoor space to dig, play, learn, and grow! Give your kiddos the gift of PRESENCE instead of presents this Spring.

Traci Winscot
Executive Director



**Don't wait.
The time will never
be just right.**

NAPOLEON HILL



Birthday Party:

We are passionate about providing you with the best birthday experience with an educational twist! With more than 20 exhibits and a large party room, we are the perfect go-to destination for your kiddo's birthday party. Prices are \$100 for members and \$125 for non-members for All Day Play and \$300 for members and \$350 for non-members for After Hour option. Book your party today!

All Day Play

Invite up to 20 of your closest friends and family to play with you at the museum all day. Get an hour in our private Party Room, complete with tablecloths, tableware, and lemonade to complete the scene. The birthday child will also receive a special crown! \$100.00 plus tax for members, and \$125.00 plus tax for non-members.

After Hours Celebration

Enjoy two hours of play for you and up to 50 of your closest friends and family in the museum after hours. Have the Party Room to use as you celebrate, complete with tablecloths, tableware, and lemonade. The birthday child will also receive a special crown! \$300.00 plus tax for members, and \$350.00 plus tax for non-members.

We are 30 Years Old

We can't believe it's already been 30 years that the Kearney Area Children's Museum has been serving families with educational experiences. It's been fun to see children "grow up" with us and see how their character, interests, and skills develop while here. We've are very fortunate and appreciative to be in such a giving and supportive community. Our museum is truly a product of so many giving individuals who have given both their time, various resources, and heart to ensure that children and their families have a quality place to learn and grow together. Take a look at some photos from the past to the present.



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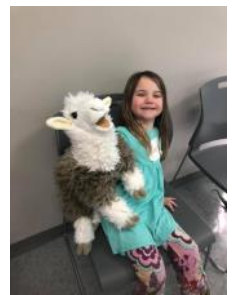
FÜN FACTS

- ◆ Antarctica gets less precipitation than any other continent on earth.
- ◆ The Amazon rain forest supplies one-fifth of the world's oxygen.
- ◆ Jellyfish sting even when dead.
- ◆ The world's first cell phone cost \$3,995.
- ◆ One of the ingredients needed to make dynamite is peanuts.
- ◆ Fish can cough.
- ◆ Hippopotamus milk is pink.

What have we been up to the past 3 months?



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 MUSEUM!**



SPRING Into Action

Nebraska has endure some pretty tough situations recently and you have the opportunity to make an impact. We encourage you to connect with local agencies that are supporting families in our area and beyond, to see how your family can help. Let's get our children involved with making an positive impact in the lives of others!



Jennifer Beck

Director of Community Engagement



How are you getting involved? Share with me how your are helping others. Include a photo if you have one - jennifer@kearneychildrensmuseum.org

Volunteer Spotlight

Cassidy Kennedy

Why is the museum vital to our community?

I believe the museum is vital to the community because it give children of all ages a place to go and play, meet others, and develop cognitive functions. Developing youth strengthens the future of the community,.

Why do you choose to volunteer at the museum?

I choose to volunteer at the Children's Museum because I love kids! I especially love camps because you get to know kids one-on-one and form amazing relationships with them.

What is your advice for someone considering becoming a volunteer?

My advise would be to do it! It is a great learning environment and there is always something to do. It has been a very fulfilling experience.



Learn Through Play

Gift Shop:

We have recently added NEW merchandise to our gift shop! We offer high-quality items from Melissa & Doug that inspire learning through play! If you haven't signed up for a museum annual membership yet or need to renew it, this is the right time. Please visit us at our website kearneychildrensmuseum.org for more information on membership and birthday parties.



Radhika Thapaliya
Operations Manager



Member Spotlight

Katie & Chris Link

Emily (9), Elizabeth (6), Levi (3), Evelyn (1)

How does the museum help your family?

The Museum has been such a blessing to our family. As a homeschooler we are able to practically apply the lessons we have been learning at home in a fun atmosphere. It has also brought me closer to my children by allowing me the opportunity to set aside my chores and give my children the attention they truly need by being present and playing. As a family that has to travel to go to "the big store" aka Hy-vee, it is wonderful to have a place where the kids can get out and play no matter what the weather brings! We truly love the KACM and are so grateful for all of the kind and loving staff that work there. If you ever want to open a second branch in Kansas you just let me know! ;)

Why is the museum vital to our community?

The KACM is such a wonderful place for parents local to Kearney and those of us who travel from small towns nearby. The Museum provides a fun and safe place for my children to learn and play and serves as a great reminder for me as a mom to have some fun with my kiddos!



What do children learn at the museum?

My children are constantly learning at the Museum. Socially they are learning to share, make new friends, and how to be responsible by cleaning up after themselves. Physically, they get to dance, climb and jump around building strong muscles and getting out their energy. And there is SO much for them to learn academically. Whether it is counting in the grocery store, sorting and matching in the post office, or learning interesting science facts in the dinosaur and astronaut areas my children are constantly learning something new, no matter how many times we visit! And of course there is so much to be learned just by using their imagination and playing.

Check out these special events!



EGG-STRAVAGANZA! Thursday, April 18 from 5:30-8:00pm



Spider Climb



Egg Hunt



Baby Animals



Easter Bunny



Balloon Artists



Pirate Bounce



Games & Crafts

Activity Stations
throughout Museum
Meet the Easter Bunny
Egg Hunt at 6:45

Admission Prices

Adults \$2
Member Child (age 3+): \$5
Non Member Child (age 3+): \$10
Children 2 and under: \$0



Dinner available for purchase for \$3 per person
Pizza, dessert, drink

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- Raising Cane's
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- BoysTown Foster Family Services
- Kearney Dental Clinic
- Farm Bureau Financial Services
- Java Junction: Espresso, Ice Cream, Smoothies

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Free Family Fun Night



Note: this month's date change!

Thursday, April 11 from 4:00-8:00pm



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CHI Health Good Samaritan will be hosting a free Teddy Bear Clinic during our Free Family Fun Night from 5-7pm.

Bring your favorite stuffed friend to the Teddy Bear Clinic! Health experts will provide free check-ups for teddy bears and kids in a relaxed environment specially designed to ease kids' fear of medical exams.



Be a SAFE KID!

Safe Kids Platte Valley is celebrating kids and helping families learn how to prevent injuries and take steps to keep their families safe. Various activities will be available from 5-7pm in the following areas:



Seat Belt Safety



Chemical Safety



Fire Safety



Water Safety



We love our community partnerships with Raising Canes and Funtastic!



RAISE MONEY FOR

CELEBRATING 30 YEARS OF FUN!

1989 2019

KEARNEY AREA children's museum

Show your membership card when ordering, and 15% of your purchase will be donated to KACM.

Raising Canes
CHICKEN FINGERS

2nd Ave. & W. 38th St.
Kearney | NE

Must show valid Kearney Area Children's Museum membership or wallet card at time of order. Valid 1/1-12/31/2019.

INTRODUCING

Membership Monday

SHOW YOUR KACM MEMBERSHIP CARD AT FUNTASTIC ON MONDAYS AND YOUR ADMISSION IS ONLY \$6/PERSON!





KACM REMIX

30TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION
IN HONOR OF ALIA ARRAM

&
FREE FAMILY FUN NIGHT
TOTALLY TUBULAR ACTIVITIES!

SAVE

THE

DATE

**TOTALLY.
LIKE...YEAH!**

THURSDAY, MAY 16
FROM 4-8PM
CAKE RECEPTION AT 5:15PM 

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SUMMER CAMPS 2019

Explore. Learn. Grow!

\$20 MEMBERS
\$30 NON MEMBERS
AGES: 4 - 10
TIME: 8AM-3PM

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 please!

Camp registrations are non-refundable.

June 7 PINEAPPLES & HULA HOOPS

We will learn how being healthy can be fun and tasty as we create simple recipes, enjoy the great outdoors, and play simple games that will get us moving and having fun with our friends!

A field trip is included in this camp to Hy-Vee for a one-hour cooking class and to Harmon Park for lunch and free play.



Price includes cooking class fee and transportation.
 \$30 Member, \$40 Non Member
 Transportation by Adventure Bus and Charter. Children will need to bring a sack lunch with a drink.
 Please wear your camp t-shirt!

JULY 19 GEARS & GADGETS

Go, Go, Gears & Gadgets! Children will participate in various STEM activities that spark the imagination and launch critical thinking and teamwork.

AUGUST 9 CRISS-CROSS APPLESAUCE

The summer is almost over but we will go out with a bang! Children will enjoy a day full of sunshine, friends, tasty treats and amazing games. It's a camp you don't want to miss!

\$25 Member, \$35 Non Member
 Price included a pizza party! We will have pizza, dessert, lemonade.

May 24 MIGHTY ACORNS

This camp is for kids who have a green thumb! We will get our hands in the dirt with basic gardening, and learn more about the plants and critters found on our planet.

June 14 COOL CHEMISTRY

Science is so cool! We will learn chemistry basics with colors, scents, molecules, and food! We may even experience some slimy and gross things along the way!

June 28 MYSTERY KIDS

Help us uncover important clues to solve mysteries and learn what it takes to be a Mystery Kid. We will also get to visit and learn from a KPD officer about what they do!

JULY 26 PASSPORT EXPLORERS

Come with us and explore the globe through activities about other cultures, weather, forms of travel, and the amazing animals that are on our planet!

May 31 KIDS UNDER CONSTRUCTION

We will explore the steps it takes to complete a structure through hands-on activities and learn about the people who help on a project from start to finish.

June 21 PICASSO & FRIENDS

Explore creativity and self-expression while learning about a variety of art styles, artists, and use different mediums and supplies to complete art pieces!

July 5 DIG IT! ARCHAEOLOGY

Children will learn the basics of archaeology and discover fun facts about the Midwest. Come paint pottery, dig for artifacts, and explore things in our backyard!

AUGUST 2 WORLD OF WIZARDS

Fight off darkness with the light you have inside! We will stir up some imagination with various arts and crafts and team games that teach bravery and strength.

Camp Shirts



Need a camp shirt your child can wear and play in all summer? You've got it! We worked with 24HR Tees to create a bright and fun shirt your child can wear each day of camp.

1. All shirt orders and payments go through 24HR Tees. Orders available starting April 5.
2. **Deadline for shirt orders is May 15.**
3. Shirts can be picked up at the museum on May 22 or at your first camp.
4. **Campers attending Pineapples & Hula Hoops are required to have a shirt.**



EXPLORE THEATER

\$20 PER CHILD
AGES: 4 - 6
TIME: 9AM-12PM
SHOW: 11:45AM

Explore the art of music, theater, and performance through imagination and play! After each camp, children will put on a show displaying things they have learned. Register today!

July 8 PAW PATROL FOR A DAY

Join Ryder and all the members of the PAW Patrol: Marshall, Chase, Rocky, Rubble, Zuma, and Skye for a day full of fun! Kids will use their own special skills as they solve problems, work together, and save the city of Adventure Bay. Become an official member of the PAW Patrol in this exciting one-day adventure!

July 9 SHOPKINS FOR A DAY

Grab your boarding pass and come on a worldwide ride with your favorite Shopkins! Kids will discover what makes them unique as they create their own special characters in the magical village of Shopville. Join Apple Blossom, Kooky Cookie and Licky Lips for a Shopkins day filled with games, crafts, dance and songs!

July 10 PRINCESS FOR A DAY

Learn what it takes to be royalty in this magical class that allows every girl the opportunity to step into the life of her favorite princess for a day! How does a princess walk and talk? There will even be special appearances from Snow White, Cinderella, Moana, Anna and Elsa themselves. Princess Tote Bag included.

July 11 TOY STORY FOR A DAY

Andy invites you to come play with him and all of his favorite toys! Join good-hearted Woody and his best friend, Buzz Lightyear, along with Jessie, Bullseye, Slinky Dog, Mr. & Mrs. Potato Head and more! We will learn about teamwork and cooperation, all while having fun. Bring your favorite toy to share, and sing along with songs like "You've Got A Friend in Me" and more!

July 12 TROLL FOR A DAY

Join Poppy and her friends as they set off on an adventure to save Troll Village from the Bergens. Their adventures and travels are full of mishaps and challenges as they learn to accept their differences and work together! Kids will have fun exploring their "True Colors" through games, songs, and more!

Explore Theater Camps are ran by Crane River Theater Company and hosted at Kearney Area Children's Museum.



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Check out our website for more about upcoming events and programs!
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Kearney Area Children's Museum
 Alia Arram Memorial Building
 5827 4th Ave, Kearney, NE 68845



April 2019

Programs & Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Mon: Closed Tues: 10-5 Wed: 10-5 Thurs: 10-8 Fri: 10-5 Sat: 10-5 Sun: 1-5	2  Membership Monday Show your KACM membership card at Funtastic for \$6 admission today!	3 National Peanut and Jelly Day! Do you like PB&J? 	4 Morning Mingle 9:00-10:00am 	5 Friday Activity Complete a "Midwest Smiles Over Miles" card. Pick one up at the front desk and return before you leave.	6 Friday Activity Complete a "Midwest Smiles Over Miles" card. Pick one up at the front desk and return before you leave.	
7  Holiday Inn Booked a room at the Holiday Inn? Bring in your room key to receive \$3 off your total admission price!	8  Membership Monday Show your KACM membership card at Funtastic for \$6 admission today!	9 National Name Yourself Day! Give yourself a silly name today!	10 Wacky Fact Wednesday	11 Free Family Fun Night 4:00-8:00pm Teddy Bear Clinic Activities from 5-7 Free Admission 	12 Friday Activity Make a snail in Art <hr/> Kids Night Out 6:00-8:30pm Ages 3-12 \$10 Members \$15 Non Members	13
15  Membership Monday Show your KACM membership card at Funtastic for \$6 admission today!	16 Plant a Orchid Day Visit a flower shop and look at the orchids!	17 Wacky Fact Wednesday!	18 EGG-stravaganza Thursday, April 18 from 5:30-8:00pm Baby animals, spider climb, museum full of activities, Egg hunt at 6:45	19 Friday Activity Pick an item from our STEM Studio that you HAVEN'T checked out before.	20	
21 HAPPY EASTER  Museum is Closed	22  Membership Monday Show your KACM membership card at Funtastic for \$6 admission today!	23 National Cherry Cheesecake Day! Make mini cheesecakes with your family today!	24 Wacky Fact Wednesday!	25 Wacky Fact Wednesday!	26 Friday Activity Complete the museum scavenger hunt	27
28	29  Membership Monday Show your KACM membership card at Funtastic for \$6 admission today!	30 National Hairstylist Appreciation Day Thank your stylist day!	Don't forget! Show your membership card when you order at Raising Cane's and 15% proceeds will benefit the museum! 	30th Birthday Party in honor of Alia Arram - May 16 from 5:15-7pm Kids Night Out - May 3 from 6-9pm Time and prices for this Kids Night Out is different due to our Adult Trivia Night. Price is \$15 for Members, \$20 for Non Members.	Upcoming Events	