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INSPIRING THE LOVE OF LEARNING THROUGH THE POWER OF PLAY

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**CELEBRATING  
25 YEARS!**

**SEPT  
12**

**TWO WAYS  
TO CELEBRATE!**

## We're Turning 25, But Children's Museums Never Grow Up!

We invite you to join us on Thursday, Sept. 12 to celebrate this important milestone with the Power of Play and a lot of fun. Families will have two opportunities to join us that day. Our CDM Foundation will host a breakfast event at 7:30 a.m. at the Marriott to thank the many donors, volunteers, and supporters who've made our mission possible. If you'd like to learn more about participating in this event, please visit our website or contact Executive Director Beth Whisman at [bwhisman@normal.org](mailto:bwhisman@normal.org). You can also purchase a ticket for \$25 at the Museum front desk or online at [childrensdiscoverymuseum.net](http://childrensdiscoverymuseum.net).

The Museum will be open from 1:00-8:00 p.m., we will also host a throw-back celebration with \$3 admission, favorite activities, face painting with the Zoo Lady, cake and ice cream, and door prizes! You could win free ice cream for a year from our next door neighbor Emack & Bolio's!

### OUR STORY

The CDM that we know, and love today serves about 140,000 people a year, inspiring the love of learning through the power of play using exhibits, field trips, public outreach, and educational programs. Our field trip buses and families travel here from more than 100 communities across the state, representing children and adults from all walks of life.

But 25 years ago, we started as a small storefront experiment at the former College Hills Mall. It took a few years of fundraising to get there, but we opened the very first McLean County Children's Museum at Kids Crossing on March 27, 1994. That site lasted a year as demand for field trips and birthday parties proved there was a demand for the Power of Play.

That meant a new space and bigger exhibits - and of course more fundraising and community partners. Our team of early founders and donors supported a plan to relocate

just a year later, converting an old factory floor into a new 8,000-square-foot play space. It would be renamed the Children's Discovery Museum of Central Illinois and it would entertain and educate families until 2004 when once again success meant growth ... and of course more fundraising and a new community partner — the Town of Normal.

"We were at a critical point in our downtown revitalization plan and we wanted something special to bring new life and foot traffic into the core of our Town," said Normal Mayor Chris Koos. "After much expert and community input, the Town offered to construct a new building for the Museum and to absorb the staffing costs. That meant the nonprofit could focus its efforts to raise funds for exhibits. Our unique partnership has worked for 15 years and development continues today in Uptown Normal with the Children's Discovery Museum at the heart of it all." *(continued on page 11)*

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—Chris Koos, Normal Mayor



# Brain Building in Unexpected Places with Vroom®

When the Children's Discovery Museum reopens after our annual shutdown, visitors will find newly added Vroom Tips™ throughout the entire Museum. Vroom Tips empower parents and caregivers to play a proactive role in their children's early brain development by turning shared, everyday moments into Brain Building Moments. Vroom was developed on the premise that every child is born with enormous potential and every parent has the ability to help them realize that potential.

During the first few years of a child's life, their brain makes more than one million new neural connections every second. Babies are born ready to learn, and positive, meaningful experiences with parents and other caregivers from their earliest days are a critical factor in brain development. The Children's Discovery Museum empowers parents and caregivers to play a proactive role in their children's early brain development by turning shared, simple everyday moments into Brain Building Moments™ to help all children meet their full potential.

When you visit the museum, we encourage you to look for our Vroom Tip™ circles. You will discover quick interactions that you can have with your child and learn the science behind the tip. It really is just that easy! Small moments can make a big difference in your child's life and brain development. Here is an example:

## Big Hug, Little Hug

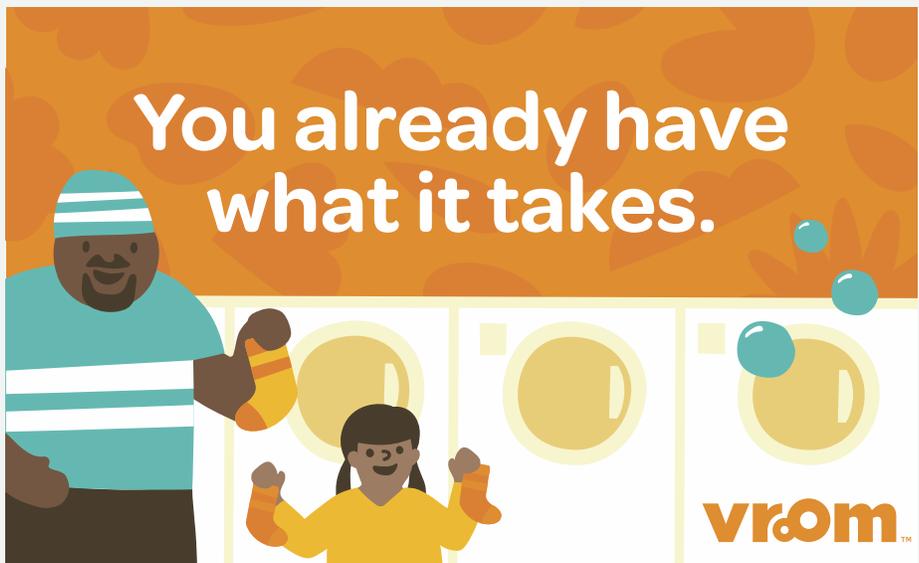
When it's time for a hug, ask your child if they want a big hug or a little hug and then do what they ask. Then you take a turn and say whether you want a big or little hug. You can add other words, like a "wiggly hug" or a "quiet hug."

## Brainy Background

The sense of touch is calming and comforting to your child. These hugs not only make your relationship stronger, they also allow you to share new words and concepts with them, like big and little.

Vroom Tips promote brain development, language early literacy and numeracy, and executive function skills. The science behind the activities is informed by the work of the Vroom Science Advisors, and distilled by Mind in the Making, another program of the Bezo Family Foundation. Each activity and Brainy Background™ is written in a conversational tone to make them fun and easy for all museum visitors.

The learning doesn't stop when you leave the museum! The Children's Discovery Museum encourages visitors to keep discovering Brain Building Moments for free through the Vroom app. Visit [Vroom.org](http://www.vroom.org) for over 1,000 free bilingual tips that are easy, interactive things parents can do in the time they already share with their children that don't require additional time or money. Visit <http://www.vroom.org> and follow @joinvroom for more information. Vroom is a program of the Bezos Family Foundation.



# Love and Learn

*Love and Learn* is designed for children three to twelve months and their parent/caregiver. Create a special bond with your child while experiencing types of play to promote learning and brain development. Each session includes, instructor led activities such as songs, quick stories, and finger plays, as well as free exploration time with a variety of activity stations such as tunnels, musical instruments, and soft blocks.

**Ages: 3-12 months**  
**Cost: \$6 Members/Museums for All**  
**\$11 Non-Members**  
**\$5 Additional Non-Member Adults**



**September: Things that Roll and Go**  
**Wednesday, September 11**  
**9:30-10:15 a.m.**

**October: Pumpkins and Fall Colors**  
**Thursday, October 3**  
**5:45-6:30 p.m.**

**November: Zoo Animals**  
**Wednesday, November 6**  
**9:30-10:15 a.m.**



## Playful Learners

Play is the work of a child. Children learn about the world around them, by playing. So how do you as your child's first teacher help them learn the most through their play? Playful Learner's is designed specifically for the parent/caregiver and child to learn through various types of play and explorations!

Class will begin with circle time where we sing a Hello song all together and read a story introducing the theme. Next parents and children explore center-

based STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art, & math) stations that develop, social, problem-solving, and gross and fine motor skills. Centers include sensory bins, building activities, process-based art activities, dramatic play, exploring math concepts through shapes, sorting, and puzzles, and so much more! To wrap up our time, parents and children will gather together for music and movement, including parachute play, exploration of an item in a mystery box, bubbles, and a Good-bye song.

**Cost:**  
**Level I: (12-24 months)**  
**\$7 Members/Museums for All**  
**\$12 Non-Members**  
**Level II: (24-36 months)**  
**\$8 Members/Museums for All**  
**\$13 Non-Members**  
**Level III: (3-4 years old)**  
**\$9 Members/Museums for All**  
**\$14 Non-Members**  
**\$5 Additional Non-Member Adults**

### September: Dinosaurs



**Level I: (12-24 months)**  
**Thursday, September 12, 6:00-7:00 p.m.**  
**Friday, September 13, 9:15-10:15 a.m.**

**Level II: (24-36 months)**  
**Thursday, September 19, 6:00-7:00 p.m.**  
**Friday, September 20, 9:15-10:15 a.m.**

**Level III: (3-4 years)**  
**Thursday, September 26, 6:00-7:00 p.m.**  
**Friday, September 27, 9:15-10:15 a.m.**

### October: Costume Party

**Level I: (12-24 months)**  
**Thursday, October 10, 6:00-7:00 p.m.**  
**Friday, October 11, 9:15-10:15 a.m.**

**Level II: (24-36 months)**  
**Thursday, October 17, 6:00-7:00 p.m.**  
**Friday, October 18, 9:15-10:15 a.m.**

**Level III: (3-4 years)**  
**Thursday, October 24, 6:00-7:00 p.m.**  
**Friday, October 25, 9:15-10:15 a.m.**

### November: Tiny Turkeys



**Level I: (12-24 months)**  
**Thursday, November 7, 6:00-7:00 p.m.**  
**Friday, November 8, 9:15-10:15 a.m.**

**Level II: (24-36 months)**  
**Thursday, November 14, 6:00-7:00 p.m.**  
**Friday, November 15, 9:15-10:15 a.m.**

**Level III: (3-4 years)**  
**Thursday, November 21, 6:00-7:00 p.m.**  
**Friday, November 22, 9:15-10:15 a.m.**

# Homeschool Programs



## Early Explorers

Early Explorer's is an excellent way for your child to experience a classroom setting! Children will begin class with circle time where children work together to come up with classroom expectations, sing a Hello song, and listen to a story to introduce the day's topic. Class then features structured hands-on STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art, & math) activities that relate to the day's theme and music and movement activities! Class ends with a closing circle to recap what was learned, share their favorite activity, and sing a good-bye song with their friends!

**Ages: 4-5 years old**

**Class Time: 10:00-11:30 a.m.**

**Class Cost:**  
**\$10 Members/Museums for All**  
**\$15 Non-Members**

**Class Dates:**

**Saturday, September 14:**  
**Color Mixing Science and Art**

**Saturday, October 19:**  
**Spooky Science**

**Saturday, November 9:**  
**Force and Motion Art**

**Saturday, December 14:**  
**DIY Gifts**



Experience STEAM based activities and concepts through hands-on experiments, building, and play.

**Time: 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.**  
**Cost: \$11 members**  
**\$16 non-members**

### 5-8 YEARS OLD

#### October: Geology Rocks!

We will celebrate earth science week as we learn more about petrology, the branch of geology that studies rocks and the conditions under which they form.

**Thursday, October 3**  
**Friday, October 4**

#### November: Wearable Art

Get creative and make your own wearable art pieces using a wide variety of materials!

**Thursday, November 7**  
**Friday, November 8**

### 9-13 YEARS OLD

This semester we will be focused on learning to use the microscope. Each of these classes can be taken independently but some practices will build upon the last months class.

#### October: Exploring Plant Cells

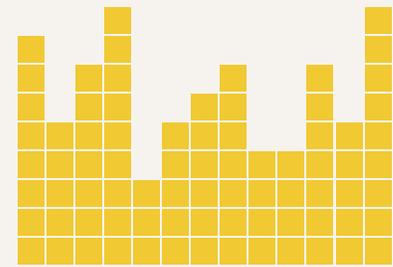
Our first class will focus on plants and their cells. Learn what makes them different from other cells, practice drawing them at different magnifications and identify their unique parts.

**Thursday, October 3**  
**Friday, October 4**

#### November: Exploring Animal Cells

Our second class will focus on animal cells. We will compare them to the plant cells we saw last month, and we will practice our drawing and identification.

**Thursday, November 7**  
**Friday, November 8**



#### December: Science of Sound

Join us as we investigate sound science by hearing, feeling, and seeing vibrations.

**Thursday, December 5**  
**Friday, December 6**



#### December: Exploring Microscopic Life

Our last class on this topic will look at life that is small. We will use the skills we learned in the last two months of class to find and look at animal and plant life that is microscopic!

**Thursday, December 5**  
**Friday, December 6**

# Day of Play

## KIDS MAKE *and* SELL



Sell your handmade items and gadgets during Day of Play. Sellable items include artwork, jewelry, crafts, and more! All items must be made by kids (5-18 years old). All sellers must be accompanied by an adult. (No food items)

**Date:** Saturday, September 28

**Time:** 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

**Cost:** \$10/participant for one-half of an 8-foot table  
\$20/participant for an 8-foot table

To reserve your space visit our website  
ChildrensDiscoveryMuseum.net contact Rachel Carpenter  
at 309-433-3449 or rcarpenter@normal.org



## Dia de los Muertos (Day of the Dead)

Join us for our 6th Annual Dia de los Muertos (Day of the Dead)! Dia de los Muertos is a Latino tradition that celebrates the circle of life by honoring and remembering loved ones that have died. Bring your family in to learn more and make traditional crafts like sugar skulls and shadow boxes.

*Children must be accompanied by a paying adult. Activities provided by ISU's Sigma Delta Pi, National Collegiate Hispanic Honor Society*

**Saturday, November 2, 1:00-4:00 p.m.**

**Cost:** \$2 Members  
\$5 Museums for All  
\$9 Non-Members



**9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.**

**Cost:**  
\$40 Members  
\$45 Non-Members

Children may bring a sack lunch  
or purchase an Avanti's sack lunch  
for \$5 at time of registration.



## SAVE THE DATE!

### Winter Break Camps

Discovery Day Camps offers children an opportunity to engage in STEAM based learning through play. Each day consists of play time in the classroom while students are arriving, themed activities, a 2-hour break in the middle of the day for lunch and museum exploration, more fun activities, snack and play time in the classroom during pick up.

### Holiday Gifts

**Monday, December 23**

Let's get ready for the holidays! We will be making ornaments, special gifts for our loved ones, and much more!

### The Art of Yoga

**Friday, December 27**

Join us for a relaxing day combining yoga and art making! We will start our day by doing some fun yoga games and visual meditation with special guest yoga instructor, Merrit Spicer! We will continue our "zen" by creating two relaxing art projects inspired by our yoga experience!

### Crazy Chemistry

**Monday, December 30**

Let's get ready to ring in the new year with some fizz, pops, and bubbles all with chemistry!

### Sculptures

**Thursday, January 2**

Express yourself in 3D. Plan to get messy as we make art that stands on its own. We will even make ones that move!

### Engineering Marvels

**Friday, January 3**

Learn about some of the great engineering marvels of our time and build some of your own!

### Storybook Science

**Monday, January 6**

Join us as we use our favorite storybooks to teach a variety of science concept that are fun and engaging!

# INNOVATION STATION

## Lab and MakerSpace



The Innovation Station is a place where children and families engage in STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math) where families create, discover, investigate and invent. The station gives everyone a chance to apply problem-solving skills, test and revise their ideas, collaborate, and have fun.

### MakerSpace

Thursday: 5:00-7:00 p.m.

Friday: 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Saturday: 2:00-4:00 p.m.

Sunday: 2:00-4:00 p.m.

### Instructor-led STEAM Activities

Saturdays, 10:00 a.m.-12 p.m.

## Physics Days

Activities Free  
with Admission

### Select Thursdays

10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

ISU Faculty, Dr. Jay Ansher and students will provide hands-on demonstrations, experiments and more on new topics each month!



### Aerodynamics

Thursday, August 29

Ever wonder why a heavy airplane can fly high in the air? Or how a baseball pitcher can throw a curve ball? Join us to explore aerodynamics, the science of flight. The ISU Physics Club will offer hands-on demonstrations and activities that will make your imagination soar!

### Forces And Newton's Laws

Thursday, September 19

New

Sir Isaac Newton was pretty smart. His 3 Laws of Motion connect the idea of forces (pushes and pulls) to motion (speed and acceleration). Join the ISU Physics Club as they bring activities that demonstrate different kinds of forces, and how Newton's Laws work! We're sure you will have fun, but we won't "force" you to.

### States of Matter

Thursday, October 10



Ice melts. Water boils. We see familiar substances change states nearly every day, but different materials will freeze, melt, boil, or condense at different temperatures. The ISU Physics Club will explore different states of matter with some hands-on demonstrations and show you that there is more to our universe than just solids, liquids, and gas!

### Physics of Toys

Thursday, November 7

A lot of basic science can be found in sports and toys. The ISU Physics Club does more than just study; they also like to play! They will bring some of their favorite toys along, so come and see what scientific concepts there are in their design and use on Physics Day!

### Waves

Thursday, December 5

Water waves on the ocean, on a pond, or in a swimming pool are only one kind of wave. Light and sound also travel as waves, and you may have even been part of a wave in a stadium. The ISU Physics Club will bring demonstrations that will fascinate you as you can make waves on a slinky, see your voice, and explore other waves on your own!

Visit [ChildrensDiscoveryMuseum.net](http://ChildrensDiscoveryMuseum.net) for more program details.



# studio

Our art studio follows a TAB (Teaching for Artistic Behavior) model. This choice-based, self-guided approach offers five individual media centers from which to explore. Each of these centers follows a monthly theme with implementation of STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math). All ages and stages are welcome!

**September: Lots of Dots**

**October: Inktober**

**November: Unity**

# Books and Bots

Select Fridays

10:30 a.m.

## POP-UP NPL



 **NORMAL PUBLIC LIBRARY**

Join the Normal Public Library on select Fridays as they showcase some of the amazing tech toys you can check out from the Library! Enjoy hands-on fun, the chance to sign up for a library card and the opportunity to check out books!

**Friday, September 20**

**Friday, October 18**

**Friday, November 15**

**Friday, December 20**

## Art Around You: Exploring Contemporary Art in the Community

Visit University Galleries and participate in a guided tour to help you discover the style and media used to create works of art. Then return to the museum where you will explore these styles and media as you create your own art.

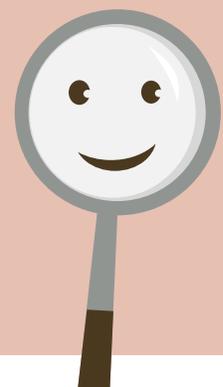
**Age: 7-10 years old**

**Dates:**  
Saturday, September 21  
Saturday, November 9

**Time:**  
1:00-4:00 p.m.

**Cost: Free with pre-registration\***

\*Thanks to a grant from the Illinois Prairie Community



# Advocate BroMenn supports ‘Healthy Me!’ exhibit



The Power of Play received a healthy dose of support this summer as Advocate BroMenn Medical Center announced plans to support the Children’s Discovery Museum’s future medical exhibit, Healthy Me!, which is scheduled to open in August of 2020.

“A significant sponsorship from Advocate BroMenn Medical Center means a lot to this project,” said Beth Whisman, Executive Director of the Children’s Discovery Museum and the Town of Normal Cultural Arts Department. “Not only does this move us toward our fundraising goal, it also reinforces the long-term relationship the museum and hospital have maintained for exhibits, programs, and events.”

Healthy Me! will replace the current Kid’s Medical Center that opened in 2004 when the CDM relocated to Uptown Normal. The museum welcomed its 2 millionth visitor on June 26, 2019, highlighting the high traffic of visitors the medical exhibit has endured over 15 years.

“We’re lucky the annual Doctors in Concert fundraiser has been able to keep the existing space in good condition over the years,” Whisman added. “We’ll have to keep that type of activity going for future maintenance, but now is the time for a complete overhaul and having our local hospitals on the team is making a big difference.”

Multiple healthcare experts from the region will join the CDM exhibit team this fall to begin the final design plan for Healthy Me!. Their challenge will be to integrate current and future health goals and practices into an engaging play space.

“Our purpose is to help people live well—and educating young children about their health and wellness is a key element to that,” said Colleen Kannaday, president of Advocate BroMenn Medical Center. “We are blessed to have a facility like the Children’s Discovery Museum in our community and we are excited to be a partner in what will be a wonderful, new exhibit.”

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## Thanks to our Donors

April 21 – July 31, 2019

Elise Albers	Ben Harmon	Carol and Rodney
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### In Memory of Trudy Hanover

Shari Buckellew	Elaine O’Neill
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### Pushcart Derby

Pushcart Derby teams gathered on Saturday, June 15 for the 3rd annual Pushcart Derby in Uptown Normal. Teams were expecting to spend the morning with ISU CeMaST (Center for Math Science, and Technology) and CDM educators constructing and building pushcarts using STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and

Math) principles. They were eager to race their creations on the road-course derby after the workshop. Unfortunately, due to lightning and rainstorms we had to make the difficult decision to cancel this year's event for the safety of participants. We will have some exciting news to share at our 25th Anniversary Celebration on September 12 regarding

our 2020 Pushcart Derby! You won't want to miss next year's event!

**Thanks to our generous sponsors:**  
**Nicor Gas, Moe's Southwest Grill, Illinois State University, WSP, Farnsworth Group, CDM Foundation Board, HyVee, and Ruth and Gary Kuipers**

### The 6th Annual Medici Craft Beer and Jazz Festival

The 6th annual Medici Craft Beer and Jazz Festival took place on Saturday, July 20 along North Street in Uptown Normal. Coinciding with the 50th Anniversary of the Apollo 11 moon landing, an astronaut photo opportunity was available inside our misting tent where attendees could stop to beat the heat.

Meltdown Graphics also featured a custom design honoring the moon landing anniversary. This year's festival featured 60 craft beers, many of which are limited release or products not typically available in Central Illinois. Museum volunteers helped take donations at the entry gates and attendees

received a commemorative tasting glass for the event. A portion of the event proceeds benefits the Children's Discovery Museum Foundation that supports exhibits, programming, and outreach. Thank you to Medici for supporting the power of play!

## ISU HOMECOMING Breakfast on the Balcony at CDM

**Saturday, October 26 | 9:00 a.m.**

Enter to win a "Redbird's" eye view of the ISU Homecoming parade from the Children's Discovery Museum's 2nd floor Balcony.

**WINNER WILL RECEIVE:**

- Admission for 20 to the Children's Discovery Museum
- Exclusive access to the Museum's 2nd floor balcony for breakfast and parade viewing
- Breakfast for 20 people
- ISU Branded Swag Bag
- ISU Homecoming Football Tickets
- Free Parking in the Uptown Station Deck

Cost: \$25/raffle ticket  
Proceeds benefit Children's Discovery Museum Foundation

Visit [ChildrensDiscoveryMuseum.net](http://ChildrensDiscoveryMuseum.net) for more details and ticket sales



# Museum Membership



## **Basic Membership (\$95)**

Unlimited general admission for two adults and all children under 18 living in the same household.

With additional discounts on programs, birthday parties, and Discover More Store.

## **PLUS Family Membership (\$130)**

Basic Member Benefits, PLUS...

One free guest admission each visit to CDM  
FREE or 1/2 price admission at over 500 participating ACM and ASTC Museums

## **Grandparent Membership (\$125)**

Unlimited general admission for grandparents and their grandchildren.

Basic membership benefits, PLUS...

One free guest admission each visit to CDM  
FREE or 1/2 price admission at over 500 participating ACM and ASTC Museums

For more information contact Shelly Hanover  
(309) 433-3453 or [shanover@normal.org](mailto:shanover@normal.org)

**Don't forget-PLUS and Grandparent Members receive free or 1/2 price admission to over 600 museum's across the country.**

**Show your Membership card at participating museum's in Chicago, St. Louis, New York, Los Angeles, and Orlando for great discounts and hands-on fun!**

**Visit [ChildrensDiscoveryMuseum.net](http://ChildrensDiscoveryMuseum.net) for a complete listing of participating museums.**

# Member Appreciation Weekend

## **Thursday, November 21- Sunday, November 24**

Members will enjoy 20% off all items in the Discover More Store! Including Yogibo, Plasma Cars, Lux Blox, Squigs, MagnaTiles and Gravitrax!

And receive a \$20 discount when you join or renew at the Plus or Grandparent level! It's our way of saying "Thank you" to you!



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Our nonprofit Foundation raised more than \$3 million to outfit our Uptown building — a three-story, green design by Francois and Associates Architects. The newest CDM opened its doors on Nov. 27, 2004 with public fanfare and many happy families ready to play and learn. Since that time, the site has served more than 2 million people. Offerings have grown from field trips and birthday parties to STEAM-based learning labs, on-site programs at schools, public events, and more.

And through the evolution of the Children's Discovery Museum, the fundamentals that keep us true to our mission remain: children, the power of play, fundraising, and community partners.

"I have enjoyed working with the museum for 25 years - and it's pretty amazing to look around and realize that children's museums were a big part of changing how adults engage in early childhood learning. Seeing kids we once encouraged to explore the Climber or paint on the Paint Wall — now as adults — is always gratifying. They tell us their stories and you can feel how important those memories are to them." shares Shelly Hanover, Director of Museum Experiences and Engagement.

After 25 years of play, three locations, and more than 2 million visitors, many of the young parents who visit us today have their own memories of the museum and want to share that experience with the next generation. We're also excited to recruit and hire many of our alumni

and continue to play a role in their lifelong learning as volunteers, staff, and interns.

**WHAT'S NEXT?**

Looking forward, we have new exhibits to build and millions of new visitors to serve. We thank those who have dedicated time, money, and vision to get us to this 25th anniversary milestone. This Museum doesn't work without YOU! We look forward to your future support as once again we find new ways to Inspire the Love of Learning Through the Power of Play.

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY AND THANK YOU FOR 25 YEARS OF PLAY!**

**JOIN US SEPTEMBER 12!**

**BREAKFAST in the Morning  
7:30-9:00 a.m.**

**Honoring the Past, Celebrating the Future**

**Marriott Hotel, Uptown Normal \$25**

- Interactive Timeline
- Live Music
- Photo op with Curious George
- Honoring our Founders and the Town
- Exhibit Showcase
- Exciting Announcements!

**PLAY in the Evening  
1:00-8:00 p.m.**

**Children's Discovery Museum \$3  
(Throwback Pricing)**

**ACTIVITIES & DOOR PRIZES**

- 25% off all Museum Store Purchases
- One lucky attendee will win a year of FREE Emack & Bolio's ice cream
- Cake and ice cream while supplies last (4:30-7:30 PM)
- Zoo Lady Face Painting (4:30-7:30 PM)
- Meet and Greet with Curious George (4:30-7:30 PM)



# Normal Theater – Harry Potter Series

It's the Magic of Movies at the Normal Theater.  
Enjoy the first 4 Harry Potter movies on the big screen!

**Sorcerer's Stone**  
Saturday, September 7  
3:00 & 7:00 p.m.

**Prisoner of Azkaban**  
Sunday, November 3  
3:00 & 7:00 p.m.

**Chamber of Secrets**  
Sunday, October 6  
3:00 & 7:00 p.m.

**Goblet of Fire**  
Sunday, December 8  
3:00 & 7:00 p.m.

**Cost: General Admission: \$7 / Students \$5**  
Come in costume for One free popcorn!



## Treat Feast

Wednesday, October 30  
5:00-6:30 p.m.

The streets of Uptown will be closed and filled with spooky ghosts and ghouls of the kiddie variety as businesses open their doors to trick-or-treaters in a safe and fun setting.



## Sensory Friendly Night

Friday, October 4  
5:30 – 8:00 p.m.

**FREE** with advance registration  
at [ChildrensDiscoveryMuseum.net](http://ChildrensDiscoveryMuseum.net)

Specifically designed for children with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) and other sensory processing differences, we are hosting a night of play at the Children's Discovery Museum!

Your family will experience all three floors of interactive exhibits in a comfortable and inclusive environment. Sensory friendly accommodations will be provided along with special sensory activities.

This FREE event is presented in partnership with Autism McLean. Space is limited. Advance registration is required at [ChildrensDiscoveryMuseum.net](http://ChildrensDiscoveryMuseum.net).

**For more information contact Clare Dhom**  
at 309-433-3455



# Volunteers Needed

The Museum is looking for adult and youth (ages 13 and older) energetic and outgoing individuals who are interested playing with visitors, keeping the museum tidy, leading free programming and assisting with education classes in and out of the museum.

Volunteers are an important part of helping us achieve our mission of “inspiring the love of learning through the power of play!” And, allow us to extend our reach and impact more children and families!

Visit [ChildrensDiscoveryMuseum.net](http://ChildrensDiscoveryMuseum.net) to register for our mandatory 60-minute volunteer orientation and complete your online VolunteerProfile. If you have additional questions, contact Amy Pitzer at (309) 433-3448 or [apitzer@normal.org](mailto:apitzer@normal.org)

Friday, August 30, 4:00 p.m.

Wednesday, September 11, 12:00 p.m.

Wednesday, September 18, 3:00 p.m.

Thursday, September 19, 11:00 a.m.

Friday, September 20, 11:00 a.m.

Thursday, October 3, 3:00 p.m.

Friday, October 11, 4:00 p.m.

Thursday, October 17, 11:00 a.m.

Friday, October 25, 11:00 a.m.

Wednesday, October 30, 4:00 p.m.

Thursday, November 14, 12:00 p.m.



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The Children’s Discovery Museum is committed to inspiring the love of learning through the power of play for all families throughout Central Illinois. **Families receiving food assistance (SNAP, WIC and Linc) benefits may register with the Museum to receive \$3 admission for up to six people each visit, plus discounts on programs, special events and in the Museum Store.**

Museums for All expands museum accessibility and raises public awareness on how museums in the U.S. are reaching their entire communities. More than 250 institutions participate in the initiative, including art museums, children’s museums, science centers, botanical gardens, zoos, history museums, and more. Participating museums are located nationwide, representing more than 40 states.

#### MUSEUMS FOR ALL PASSHOLDER BENEFITS:

- \$3 general admission for up to 6 people
- Member pricing on CDM special events, birthday parties and education programs
- 10% discount in the Discover More! Store
- Invitations to exhibit previews & member events
- Access to Member Mondays
- Free subscription to museum newsletter

#### HOW DO I JOIN?

When you visit the Museum present your (LINK, WIC, SNAP) card with a valid form of Identification to receive an annual Museums for All Pass.

Each visit, present your Museums for All Pass card at our front desk and receive \$3 admission for up to six people. (Children under 2 years old are free.)

To learn more about this program or support the Museum’s effort in reaching all families, visit our website at [ChildrensDiscoveryMuseum.net](http://ChildrensDiscoveryMuseum.net)

**Museum’s for All families — join us for Member Appreciation Weekend November 21-24. When you show your Museum’s for All Pass — you will receive 20% off items in the Museum’s Discover More Store.**

## Afterschool Outreach — State Farm & Illinois Prairie Community Foundation General Grant

In 2013, the CDM began partnering with Illinois State University and UNITY Community Center to offer the Innovation Institute. This STEAM based program designed for kindergarten through college supplements existing afterschool and summer activities at UNITY. The CDM received a \$20,000 grant from State Farm to assist with the continuation and sustainability of the Innovation Institute Program.

“We are so thankful that State Farm has chosen to continue their support of our program with this grant. We love

visiting Unity each week and building strong bonds with the students. It is so rewarding to see how the kids grow throughout the year and how excited they are to transition through different levels of the program,” said School Programs & Outreach Educator Jennifer Raisbeck.

The Children’s Discovery Museum was awarded the IPCF General Grant to provide new programming for the Boys & Girls Club of Bloomington-Normal (BGCBN). The STEAM Powered Play program which is composed of several

four-week sessions, supplements the existing afterschool activities at the BGCBN and offers opportunities for youth in kindergarten through 5th grade to engage in meaningful hands-on activities.

The Children’s Discovery Museum helps meet the demand for additional STEAM educational opportunities by providing innovative and engaging experiences that allow children to delve deeper into the learning process through informal educational experiences and programs.



## Arts Education – Illinois Prairie Community Foundation Mirza Arts and Culture

The Children’s Discovery Museum in partnership with Illinois State University Galleries will continue to offer the free, educational experience titled Art Around You: Exploring Contemporary Art in the Community. The program, running since 2017, will provide an opportunity for children in second

through fifth grade to view, discuss, and create contemporary art.

Each three-hour workshop begins with a gallery visit to University Galleries. Then, at the Museum students create their own artwork to explore the styles and forms of art experienced at the gallery.

Informal, arts and culture education experiences inspire increased knowledge and practice of the arts and foster students’ creative exploration, critical thinking, community involvement, and cultural understanding.



See Page 7 for  
“Art Around  
You” Details

# Day of Play

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SEPTEMBER  
28

10 AM  
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3 PM



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The Holidays will be here before you know it. The Museum is the perfect place to host large family gatherings, corporate events, and special parties. We offer options for groups and budgets of every size, from private museum rentals to room rentals. Let our staff take care of all the details. Catering and bar service options available upon request. Non-profit rates available.

Contact Clare at 309-433-3455 for more details and to make your reservation!



## MUSEUM HOURS

**Monday:** Member Monday 9:00 a.m.–Noon (Members Only)

**Tuesday:** 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.

**Wednesday:** 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.

**Thursday:** 9:00 a.m.–8:00 p.m.

**Friday:** 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.

**Saturday:** 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.

**Sunday:** 1:00–5:00 p.m.

### SPECIAL HOURS:

**Museum Annual Shutdown:** September 2-8, 2019

**Thursday, September 12:** Opening at 1:00 p.m.

**Thursday, November 28:** Closed

**Tuesday, December 24:** Closed

**Wednesday, December 25:** Closed

**Wednesday, January 1:** Closed

Phone: 309-433-3444 | Web: [ChildrensDiscoveryMuseum.net](http://ChildrensDiscoveryMuseum.net)

Admission is \$7 per person ages 2 and above



[YouTube.com/ChildrensDiscoveryMuseumnormalLL](https://www.youtube.com/ChildrensDiscoveryMuseumnormalLL)



# Halloween Hoopla

**Friday, October 25**

**6:00–8:00 p.m.**

**Cost: \$5 Museum Members/  
Museums for All**

**\$12 Non-Members**

This popular fall family event is designed for ghosts and goblins of all ages! Kids and grown-ups alike come in costume to celebrate Halloween with trick-or-treating in the museum exhibits and spooktacular games and crafts. The Zoo Crew will be here to complete your look with free face painting!

*Children must be accompanied by a paying adult.*

*Adult costumes must be family friendly and may not be offensive or violent.*