

WINTER 2023

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A GENERATION OF HOPE:
INDIGENOUS PEOPLES OF
THE HEARTLAND

2023 SUMMER CAMPS
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***Explore the
magic of science***

MAGICAL SCIENCE OPENS FEBRUARY 3

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children's
MUSEUM



Homeschool Program

New virtual programming

Beginning in January, Omaha Children's Museum will launch a new program just for homeschooling! This virtual program will last 45 minutes and will include time for students to ask our scientists questions. We will cover a wide range of topics, like chemistry, dinosaurs, food chains, and other science concepts geared toward students K-6 grade levels. Visit ocm.org for more information and to sign up for this exciting new subscription program!



Museum in a Box

Rent a portable kit for your class

Looking for an educational, interactive learning experience to share with your students? Why not rent Museum in a Box! This portable kit will include hands-on materials, lesson plans, and activities for an entire week of learning through play! For information regarding topics and included materials, contact the Outreach Coordinator at (402) 342-6164 ext.452, or visit ocm.org.

Visit our YouTube Channel

Original programming for the whole family

Find Omaha Children's Museum on YouTube. We produce our own original programming that children and adults can enjoy together!

Tinker Time - OCM's very own Tinker Fairy brings Tinker Factory challenges to the comfort of your home! So gather your supplies, your curiosity, and, of course, your safety goggles, and tune in for the tinkering magic!



Streaming Science Shows hosted by Varsity Tutors

Get details and register at varsitytutors.com

Join Omaha Children's Museum as we partner with Varsity Tutors for monthly FREE science shows! Each month is a new theme and offers viewers a chance to experiment along at home! To sign up, visit varsitytutors.com or watch our Facebook page!

Home Science Lab

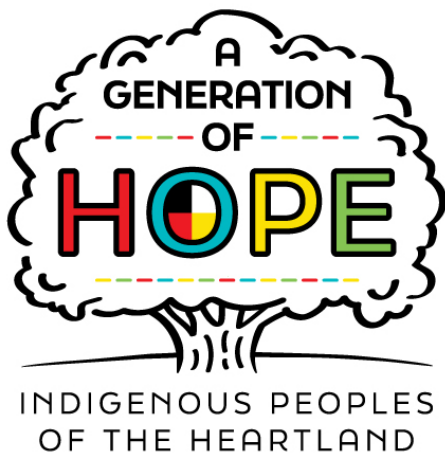
Wednesday, January 11 – Science doesn't have to take place in a lab. In fact, since science is the study of the world around us, you can do it anywhere – including right at home. This live, interactive class will turn you into a home scientist as you perform exciting experiments with objects lying around your house. You'll also see how to expand on those experiments with more sophisticated equipment and materials, and how scientists use the very same principles and techniques you're using to make breakthrough discoveries and inventions.

Chemistry in Action

Wednesday, February 15 – Witness chemistry in action as we observe chemical reactions, physical changes, and discuss where chemistry is used in everyday life.

Bubble Science

Wednesday, March 15 – Explore science of pressure, air, and solutions as we create lots and lots of bubbles. Find out how to change a bubble's shape, how to make bubble snakes, and what materials at home can be used to make your own bubbles.



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A Generation of Hope: Indigenous Peoples of the Heartland

Exhibit opens January 28

Omaha Children's Museum is proud to present a brand new, original exhibit: *A Generation of Hope: Indigenous Peoples of the Heartland*, a collaborative effort between Omaha Children's Museum and the local Indigenous community.

A Generation of Hope: Indigenous Peoples of the Heartland is a celebration of the people who have called this region home for thousands of years. Learn about their culture and traditions throughout this interactive exhibit. Climb the Bur Oak Tree, visit a school, learn about the importance of storytelling and the significance of the winter count to that tradition, then create your own winter count. Explore traditional housing and imagine life in an earth lodge, tipi, and much more!

Magical Science

Exhibit opens Feb. 3

Science IS Magic! Explore the line between magic and the science that makes it possible. Learn how lights and mirrors can play tricks on your eyes in our light maze. Lose your head with our illusion table. Ride the winds and learn about friction, energy, and gravity on the zipline. Discover the science behind our favorite spells in Thistle's Theater, our storytelling dragon, and much more!



Summer Camps On Sale Now

Register before April 1 and receive \$20 off

Omaha Children's Museum's summer camps feature an engaging curriculum and great instructors who make every day exciting and new. Camps include daily exploration in the museum, a snack, and a Meet the Teacher Night.

Whether your child wants to experiment in our kitchen or learn about dinosaurs, superheroes, or how to be a Youtube sensation, Omaha Children's Museum has the perfect summer camp for them.

This year's lineup features several new camp themes and mashups, featuring both new themes and past camp favorites.

Register TODAY at ocm.org!



DAILY PROGRAMMING



January 3 – March 31, 2023

TUES
through
FRI

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Kitchen ABC's Tues. - Fri.: 9:30 am Curiosity Room

Become a junior chef as you practice basic kitchen techniques such as cutting and measuring, and then eat your creations. We like to celebrate different cultures and their foods from around the world. We also celebrate holidays like Dr. Seuss Day by making green eggs and ham, or March Madness, with basketball quesadillas. Space is limited, so pick up your free ticket at the front desk.



Science Shows Tues. - Fri.: 11 am, 1, & 3 pm; Sat. - Sun.: 11 am, 12, 1, 2, 3, 4 pm Streck Science Showplace

Children of all ages love our engaging daily shows where we share science concepts in an entertaining way for the whole family.

January: Color and Light

February: Oh the Things You Can Think

March: Wacky Weather



S.T.E.A.M. Power Begins Jan. 24 Tues. - Fri.: 2 pm; Sat. - Sun.: 10:30 am & 3:30 pm S.T.E.A.M. Cave

S.T.E.A.M. Power is back! We're opening our S.T.E.A.M. Cave to explore Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math, in new and exciting ways! We may be investigating circuits, using physics to create art, or designing leprechaun traps using simple machines.



All programming is subject to change. Please visit ocm.org for calendar updates.



Educational Enchantments Science Show Begins Feb. 3
 Tues. - Fri.: 11 am & 1:45 pm; Sat. - Sun.: 10 am & 1:45 pm
 Magical Science Exhibit

Did you know that magic surrounds us every day? It does, all in the form of... SCIENCE!!! We have a brand new science show as part of the *Magical Science* Exhibit opening on February 3, 2023. Join Thistle the dragon as we learn the science behind our favorite spells. It's sure to be an enchantingly educational show!



Millie's Emotional Adventure Begins Feb. 3
 Tues. - Fri.: 11:45 am; Sat. - Sun.: 1 pm
 Magical Science Exhibit

In this new social emotional adventure, guests help Millie process her emotions in order to save her stuffed elephant! This program hits on cognitive, social, and compassionate empathy all while entertaining young audiences. Come join Thistle and Millie as we recognize emotions, learn the science behind how our brain works, and adopt coping mechanisms to help us handle our big feelings.



A Generation of Hope Program Begins Jan. 28
 Tues. - Fri.: 1 pm; Sat. - Sun.: 9:30 am & 2:45 pm
 A Generation of Hope Exhibit

Join us daily for programming and activities within the *A Generation of Hope: Indigenous Peoples of the Heartland* exhibit. Experience traditional beading and foods, play games, and listen to stories.



A note from your OCM Educators on Daily Programming

OCM's trained and experienced Education Department works diligently on each of our programs to ensure that learning through play is at the center of all we do. At OCM, we recognize six different forms of play.

• **Creative Play:** This includes activities such as drawing, painting, making music, dancing, face painting, tinkering, making up stories, and making rules.

• **Linguistic Play:** This includes listening to stories, singing, communicating, and rhyming.

• **Physical Play:** Perhaps the most obvious to notice, physical play includes running, climbing, sliding, hanging, jumping, manipulating, and fine and gross motor development.

• **Imaginative Play:** This includes role playing, acting out stories, using an object as something else, and imitating.

• **Social Play:** This type of play includes communicating, cooperating, negotiating rules, inviting play, demonstrating values, and taking turns.

• **Inquisitive Play:** This includes observation, experimentation, changing variables, making connections, tinkering, solving problems, completing puzzles, asking questions, and sorting.

Lastly, as OCM educators, we are dedicated to providing high quality programs that spark the imagination through the implementation of Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Mathematics (S.T.E.A.M. Educational Approach).

SPECIAL EVENTS

JAN
16

Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Monday, Jan. 16

We are OPEN on this special Monday, and honoring Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. with a celebration of his ideals. Attend a Color and Light Science Show, listen to a reading of *The Skin You Live In*, and make friendship bracelets.

JAN
20-22

Casa Madrigal Family Fun Weekend

Friday, Jan. 20 - Sunday, Jan. 22

Join the Madrigals in a fun filled weekend for the whole family. Explore the many powers of the familia Madrigal with several different activities, including: sand art, strength building, floral arranging, and much much more! Plus, members from the magical Madrigal family will be joining us for meet and greets throughout the weekend as well. All activities free with museum admission, while supplies last.

JAN
22

Lunar New Year

Sunday, Jan. 22

Lunar New Year is January 22! Join us the week leading up to it as we celebrate with special Kitchen ABCs programming and Lunar New Year crafts!

JAN
28

A Generation of Hope: Indigenous Peoples of the Heartland Opening

Saturday, Jan. 28

Be one of the first people to step inside our new exhibit, which will be located on the first floor!

JAN
16

We will be OPEN on **Monday, January 16** for Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

THE
MONTH
OF FEB.

Black History Month

The Month of February

In celebration of Black History Month and in collaboration with UNO's Teacher Education Department, we will be reading *Your Legacy: A Bold Reclaiming of Enslaved History* and playing some historic games!

FEB
3

Magical Science Opening

Friday, Feb. 3

This enchanting new exhibit on the second floor will only be here through April 16!

FEB
17-19

Chase and Bluey's PAW-some Weekend

Friday, Feb. 17 - Sunday, Feb. 19

This episode of Bluey is called "OCM's PAW-some Weekend". Zoom on in to snap a photo with Chase and Bluey this Family Fun Weekend. In addition to a photo op, you will be able to make your own pup badge, play Keepy-Uppy, make your own Bob Bilby puppet, and get creative with Rocky's Recycling Challenge! All activities included with museum admission, while supplies last.

MAR
10-12

Candyland Weekend

Friday, March 10 - Sunday, March 12

Enjoy sweet treats as you play Candyland around the museum! A life-size board will lead you to different activities such as making candy-themed crafts, building and racing Mr. Mint's Mini Candy-Mobiles, painting with Skittles! And you won't want to miss our Sweet Tooth Science Show. Have your cameras ready for character appearances all weekend long! All activities free with museum admission, while supplies last.

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