

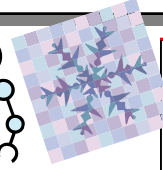
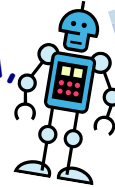


Fingerprints

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Winter at the Children's Museum, Science Fair & Future Visions!



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311 Main Street
Utica, NY 13501

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Visit us on the web:
www.museum4kids.net

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Winter Activities at The Children's Museum: Monday's 12:00pm to 1:00pm - The "LED 'Green' PlayDance Floor Contest" - Kids participate in a variety of 16 games & 7 activities!

Thursday's 12:00pm to 1:00pm "Caring for our Critters" - Kids learn how we feed and care for the critters and insects in our Living Science Center!

Saturday's 12:00pm to 1:00pm - Saturday's: "Kids & Komputers" - Kids take computers apart, learn what the parts are, how they operate, and how to fix them! Open: 9:30am to 2:30pm.

Plus enjoy 100's on interactive exhibits on our 4 floors .

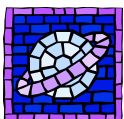
February Winter Break: Mon. Feb. 15th; Tues. Feb. 16th; Thurs. Feb. 18th, Fri. Feb. 19th; Sat. Feb. 20th - **Different interactive activities every day** from our exhibits on: Robots; NASA; Lego's; Hot Wheels; Trains; Intl Hall BRCK; Dinosaurs; Weather; Radio; Science; LED Play floor.

Open: 9:30am-2:00pm. Admission: \$7. Children 2 to 17; \$8. Seniors; \$9. Adults; Children under 2 years of age & Members are Free.

The Children's Museum **7th Annual Science Fair** will be held at the museum

Saturday March 27th. Prizes include electronic gift certificates & ribbons. View entries & help build a NASA lego! We're the only children's museum in the country adopted by NASA & the Office of Science. *"As U.S. children struggle to compete with young minds in other nations, we need to open their eyes to the wonders of science & technology, the future disciplines."* - Exec. Dir. Brown. **View registration form/add'l info on our website.**

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Christmas in July Wine/Art Wonder Play joins our yearly events for children, families, tourists!

~ 2010 Children's Museum Special Events for families, field trips & tourists ~
2/15-2/19/10 - Winter School Break Programs(10am to 2pm); 3/27/10 - Science & Technology Fair (11:00am-2:00pm w/HMI & Prevalare); 4/3/10 - Easter Egg Hunt (10:00am to 12:00pm w/Easter Bunny); 4/19 to 4/23/10 - Spring School Break Programs(10am to 2pm); 7/10 & 8/10 - CM Summer Break Activities (9:30am to 2:00pm); 7/3/10 - Christmas in July WonderArtAuction PlayNiteOut (6-9p); 7/4 to 7/10/10- Xmas in July WonderArt Family PlayDays (10a-2p); 7/17/10- Children's Museum FolkArt Festival (10:00am-2:00pm); 10/16/10 - Int'l Halls Fame: BRCK Induction (10:30a-12:30pm); 10/30/10 - Halloween Boo Bash (10:00am to 12:00pm); 11/19/10 - 47th Holiday Gala/Festival Trees (6:30p-9:30pm); 11/20/10 - CM Family Festival of Trees (10:00am to 2:00pm); 11/27/10 - CM Holiday on Main Street (10:00am to 2:00pm); 11/1/10-12/30/10- Celebrate Holidays at CM (9:30am-2:00pm). Check our website for further details on each event.

VOLUNTEER: Donate your services & exhibits, offer your talents, volunteer your time, bring your family or group to this unique one of a kind Children's Museum right here in Central NY. Help make a difference in your community by becoming part of a wonderful legacy that will live on long after you're gone! Contributions to The Children's Museum are tax deductible.



~ Director's Report: CM's Warm Winter ~ February Winter Break ~
March CM Science Fair ~ Our Growth & Future Vision Requests ~



January Events: Come in out of the cold to enjoy our 4 floors of fun & our special activities at noon on Monday's, Thursday's, Saturday's!

February Winter Break Events: The week of Feb. 15th, we'll be open 5 days. Ck our website for activities.

March Science Fair: Sat. Mar. 27th we'll hold our 7th Annual Science & Technology Fair. More info on web.

Our Growth: 2002-opened 4th floor adopted by NASA & Office Science. 2003-installed new HVAC & Int'l Hall Fame. 2004-redid entranceway. 2005 -installed energy efficient windows.

2006-Hot Wheels Hall opened. 2007- certified a NYS & Federal Historic building. 2008-installed new lighting throughout + new roof signs, commemorative brick sidewalk; 2009-new LED dance floor & touch-screen exhibits.

Our Future Plans: We are awaiting grant request approval to install a new green solar panel roof (current roof's leaking); 4th floor Surround Sound Theatre; 3rd floor bathrooms; 2nd floor new carpeting; and a Green Butterfly/Eco pond out back.

Funding Requests: Please check our website's Future page. We currently run our operations on admissions & donations and have asked the City and County for contributions we would use to reduce admission for residents & school children & we're applying for United Way. We'd appreciate your support in these endeavors.

Admission: \$7. children 2-17; \$8. seniors; \$9. adults; members & under 2 yrs free. 60 pavilions w/1,000's of interactive exhibits for kids 1 to 101. *Come on in!*



Stay Tuned! Keep checking out our website for up-to-date CM events and activities! www.museum4kids.net

Honor the Past & Pave the Future Our beautiful commemorative brick sidewalk recognizes support from our Brick purchasers, NYS Senator Joe Griffo & the late Roger Sinnott. Purchase an engraved brick to add to the paved front, which continues the beautification and renovation of our historic building, supporting our community treasure. Only \$75., @ brick holds 3 lines, 14 characters a line. Forms available in museum or on website.

There's Always a Rainbow at CM! Happy children grow up to be happy adults, who are more likely to stay & support the community they grew up in. One of the oldest in the country, a safe, fun, learning environment, CM is a definite asset to the MV & CNY, one all of us can be proud of & utilize to its highest capacity. What better place to bring * youngsters on a field trip * scouts to earn badges * family for a great day out * children for a fun time?

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CM Heroes; Sponsors; Donors; Volunteers; Wish List

We welcome volunteers. to assist with activities, program in areas of expertise, help keep museum shipshape, donate to Our wish list: toys in good shape, exhibit items, art supplies, DVD players, LCD's, educational items of value. These give you a renewed sense of pride as *we serve our community.*



Corporate Memberships positively impact the community. Our Fund the Vision Campaign looks to gain new & renewed sponsors as *CM Heroes*. Please show your thanks by investing in their products/services. Check out our Sponsors & Donors










page on our website and join them!



Feb.-March '10 Calendar

Check online calendar for updates

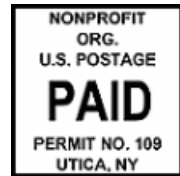
We currently receive no funding for operations from the City, County, or State, thus we rely on the many visitors, donors, and sponsors who support the Children's Museum's Education Enrichment Programs & many Exhibits.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday's
						
Sunday's Closed	Monday's: PlayDance Floor/ Legos /Crafts/SpaceScience	Tuesday's Closed	Wed's Closed	Thursday's: PlayDance Floor /Legos/Crafts/SpaceScience	Friday's Closed	Sat's: Kids Komputers/ Play Dance/Critters
2-14 Closed	2-15 Winter Break Activities (check website)	2-16 Open	2-17 Closed	2-18 Winter Break Activities (check website)	2-19 Open	2-20 KidsKomputers/ DanceContest/Critters
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Come Visit! 1st fl -PlaySpace, Exploration Space, Wooden Train, Robot Room, Saturn, Dentist Office, Grocery Store; 2nd fl - DancePlay Floor, Longhouse w/Kiosks, History Diorama, Fossil Dig, Dinosaurs; 3rd fl-Critters, Legos, Crafts, Weather/Radio Rooms, Halls Fame: BRCK; 4th fl - Planes, Fire/Police, Hot Wheels, NASA/Rover/Science.

**Contact: The Children's Museum of History, Science & Technology,
311 Main St, Utica, NY 13501
Tel: 315-724-6129 Open: Monday, Thursday, Saturday 9:30am-2:00pm;
Open extra days during holiday & school breaks. Check online calendar. Last admission 1 hour before closing.
Admission fee: \$7. children 2- 17; \$8. seniors; \$9. adults. Members & children under 2 Free.**



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- Important Info in Feb-March 2010 Issue**
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 - ☺ Our Board of Directors & Staff
 - ☺ Calendar of Events & Special Dates
 - ☺ Heroes/Heroines: our Supporters

Download Coupons on our website & save!
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CM's Heroes & Heroines: Helping Fund "The Children's Museum's Current Growth & Future Vision."

NOTE: As of this date, we receive no City, County, State, or Federal funds for Operations costs.

Corporate Sponsors - Gold Level: Dr. Ted & Melva Max; National Grid; Oxford Medical Imaging; the late Roger Sinnott; RigAll; Mack Goldner Foundation; George/Pinny Kuckel. **Silver Level:** The Hartford; Pratt Whitney HMI; Radiology Assoc; Wilcor International; Fountainhead Group; Strategic Financials. **Bronze Level:** Burns Agency; Joseph Flihan Co; ConMed; Bonide Corp; Carbone Group; NBT Bank; McDonald/Mac Clark; Dove Laser; Utica National; JetNet; James Donovan Fund; Earle Reed; Pacemaker Millar; Utica First; Bill Corrigan. **Honorable Mention:** N.Utica Walmart; M & R Heating; Prevalare Life Science; First Niagara; Gold Mine Jewelers; Serianni Signs; Color Ad Signs. **Grant Sponsors - Gold Level:** Community Foundation; NYS Senator Joe Griffo; former Congressman Sherry Boehlert; former NYS Sen. Ray Meier. **Silver Level:** NYS Council on the Arts; Met Life; Niagara Mohawk Foundation. **Bronze Level:** NY Power Authority; Assemblywoman RoAnn Destito. **Honorable Mention:** Gannett Foundation; Fleet Foundation.

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