

The Children's Museum is an educationally enjoyable family environment for kids 1 to 101, founded in 1963 as a 501(c)(3); chartered by the NYS Board of Regents; and located in a NYS & Federal historic building. Memberships include: the Nat'l Assoc. of Children's Museums; The Museum Assoc. of NY; OC Convention/ Visitors Bureau; MV Chamber Commerce; Clinton, Marcy, New Hartford Chambers. Relocated to 311 Main St in 1979. Open year round with four floors of interactive exhibits, headquarters of RotaryclubNY1, and the only Children's Museum to be adopted by NASA & the Office of Science!

**The Children's Museum of  
History, Science & Technology**  
at 311 Main Street, Utica NY  
- serving Utica, Rome, The Mohawk Valley  
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**2011 - Dear Educators & Directors:** as you plan your yearly field trips, we wanted to remind you of the unique experience we offer here at our Children's Museum, a hands-on dimension for learning in a non-traditional setting. Organized in 1963, Chartered by the NYS Board of Regents, the Children's Museum's Interactive Exhibits meet NYS Learning Standards in the Arts, SS, & MST. Your group will experience all the enjoyable educational exhibits on all four floors. Reservations are required for all group visit pricing.

Our 1<sup>st</sup> floor features a **Large Wooden Train** for youngsters to explore, **PlaySpace for Toddlers** 3 & younger, **Robot Room** for children 6 & up, **Exploration Space** with several "stores": **Microbiology, Grocery, Bank, NetSafety**, + a **Hyperbolic Funnel**, a **Saturn Car**, our **bathrooms** & our **Kitchen eating area**.

Our 2<sup>nd</sup> floor features our popular **LED interactive Play Dance Floor**, our **Iroquois Longhouse** with interactive Kiosks, our **Paleontology/ Dinosaur/Fossil center**, multi-media **Dinorama**, multi-media **History Diorama** displaying area history, our **Erie Canal Center** explores canal's importance to NYS.

Our 3<sup>rd</sup> floor features a **Lego Center; touch-screen history games**, a **Living Science Center** with critters including **Live Beehive**, Turtle, Gerbil, Hank the Snake. Also on this floor: **Live Weather Station & Radio Rm**, **Green STEM Room**, **History Wall** of area's settlers, **Ceramic Village with musical light show**.

Our 4<sup>th</sup> floor houses exciting **NASA exhibits** (**Mars Rover, Lunar Lander, Shuttle**) interactive **Space Scale**, award-winning **Science exhibits**, multimedia **History of Exploration** exhibit, **Police & Fireman uniforms/exhibits**, **Airplane to "pilot"** + interactive **HO & Lionel Trains, train artifacts & memorabilia**.

**NEW IN FALL OF 2011:** Add'l handicapped bathrooms on 3<sup>rd</sup> fl; **Healthy Kids Hut** on 1<sup>st</sup> fl; **Interactive Erie Canal exhibit** on 2<sup>nd</sup> fl; **Surround Sound Educational Theatre** furnished on 4<sup>th</sup> fl!

**Why Us?** A visit to our Children's Museum is an educationally enjoyable experience for children of all ages. A study by the Association of Children's Museums shows "Children's museums are fun, interactive places, inclusive, non-judgmental environments where kids can be kids and lifelong learning is nurtured, where the general rule is Please Touch!". Research shows **"to foster a lifelong love of learning in children, engaging in imaginative activities supports all areas of development.** Fun, innovative, interactive play accelerates creativity, development & education - found in children's museums but not in other venues".

In the past ten years, **neuroscience has confirmed that the first years of life are essential to future learning.** Research has shown it is never too early to open a child's eyes to the wonders of science /STEM, the future disciplines, with elementary level the "sticky" time when memories of the importance of the past, and of the future, are made & retained, with museums having the power to create those memories.

Children's museums combine learning with play in informal environments that help develop essential foundational skills. Safe, inspiring, stimulating, lighting a creative spark that stimulate curiosity & creativity by providing children with opportunities for hands-on learning through interactive exhibits.

**Plan a 2-3 hour visit.** Our completely handicapped accessible climate controlled building provides a year-round comfortable environment. Visits are easy to arrange: email [marlenebrown@roadrunner.com](mailto:marlenebrown@roadrunner.com) Book early as popular dates go quickly & we're limiting the number of groups per date to enhance visits.

We look forward to hosting you in our educationally enjoyable Children's Museum— a place where there's always a rainbow! Sincerely, Marlene Brown, Executive Director & Team [www.museum4kids.net](http://www.museum4kids.net)

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**NOTE: Check out the revised & affordable Group Visit rates on our website & in this mailing!**