



Kohl Children's Museum

Exhibit Highlights

All About Me

What makes you special? In this exhibit, find out more about what makes every visitor special and unique.

Try it:

- See what you look like from behind with the video cameras.
- Create an outline of your entire body in Pinpressions.
- Record your voice and then play it back fast or slow.

All About Me has been underwritten by ITW.



Baby Nursery

Take on the role of a doctor or nurse and care for babies in this child-sized nursery.

Try it:

- Examine and treat babies using a scale, stethoscope, X-ray viewer, and other tools.
- Dress, change, bathe, and feed the babies to keep them happy.
- Talk, sing, read, and play with the babies.
- Play different lullabies in multiple languages to help babies sleep.

Baby Nursery has been underwritten by Advocate Lutheran General Children's Hospital.



Car Care

Vroom vroom! Pull up to the *Car Care* exhibit to take a trip through the wonderful world of automobiles.

Try it:

- Spin the tire and push the brake button to make it stop.
- Strap your parent into a giant car seat.
- Turn the cranks on the car wash to make the rollers spin.
- Change two tires on the car.

Car Care has been underwritten by Fields Auto Group.



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City on the Move

Count, touch, manipulate, experiment, and explore: that's what science is all about! Take a journey through science, math, and technology in this exhibit, based on the city of Chicago.



Try it:

- Make a triangle on the Willis Tower Geoscraper.
- Place a "9" weight on one side of the balance scale. Now find two other weights that will balance it on the other side.
- Crank a wheel to light up all the floors of the John Hancock Center.
- Use colored magnets shapes to create a cityscape.

City on the Move has been underwritten by ComEd, an Exelon Company, with additional support from CN.

Cooperation Station

Many little hands can make big things happen! In this exhibit, children learn that teaming up and working together makes things easier.



Try it:

- Get four friends to pedal, pump, and push buttons to inflate all the fabric tubes at one time!
- Meet a new friend by talking on one of the video phones.
- Send one of the rolling balls down the correct path to ring the gong.

Cooperation Station has been underwritten by the Abbott Fund.

Dominick's

Children run everything in this grocery store! Be a stocker, baker, cashier, or shopper in this pretend environment.



Try it:

- Shop for a healthy meal using one of the shopping lists.
- Locate the Food Pyramid in Dominick's to learn about the six food groups.
- Pretend to be a stock clerk and restock groceries on the shelves.
- Find three fruits and three vegetables in the store.

Dominick's has been underwritten by the Dominick's Children's Foundation, with additional support from Kraft Foods.

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Habitat Park

The great outdoors opens up to Museum visitors in our 2-acre nature park where nature discoveries abound.

Try it:

- Search for signs of birds and small animals.
- Explore natural objects in the Imagination Hut.
- Use your senses of sight, touch, hearing and smell to examine characteristics of plants in the Park.
- Climb up the rope structures to discover how animals move through the trees.
- Find sculptures made of bronze, wood, limestone, steel, and marble.

Habitat Park has been underwritten by the Diana M. and Bruce V. Rauner Family. Sculpture Trail given by the Shaw Family in memory of Charles H. Shaw. Additional support provided by the Public Museum Capital Grants Program, Illinois Department of Natural Resources, Illinois State Museum; the Institute of Museum and Library Services; the Souder Family Foundation; Anonymous; Tom and Louise Flickinger & the Edward E. and Marie L. Matthews Foundation; Anderson Pest Solutions; and the Illinois Clean Energy Community Foundation.



Hands On House

Roll up your sleeves and help construct a beautiful new house. When you've finished the building, don't forget to add some decorations!

Try it:

- Put up magnetic wallpaper to add some color to the inside of the house.
- Use the digger's crank and levers to pick up a soft-sculpture rock.
- Use the pulleys to move materials.

Hands On House has been underwritten by Prairie Material with additional support from Baird & Warner.



Music Makers

It's time to make a little noise! Discover how sounds make music and how music makes you feel in this melodious exhibit.

Try it:

- Pluck the strings on the cello and watch them vibrate as they make sound.
- Place your hand on the thump deck to feel the bass vibrations.
- Make patterns with your body on the wall in the dance room.



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Nature Explorers

Explore plants and animals up close in the Backyard and the Fantasy Forest to get a new appreciation for all the gifts Mother Nature has provided us!

Try it:

- Dig up an insect in the dirt dig.
- Examine a feather up close on a microscope screen.
- Follow animal footprints to find where they live.
- Dress up and pretend to be an animal in the forest.

Nature Explorers has been underwritten by HSBC – North America, with additional support from the Institute of Museum and Library Services.



Pet Vet

Explore our pet vet and learn a new respect for all creatures great and small.

Engage in different roles at the vet office:

- Use the brush and other tools to groom one of the animals.
- Take one of the animals to the table to examine, check its heart rate and X-rays, or wrap its paw with a bandage.
- Feed the animals in the cages.
- Find two animals that are the same color.

Pet Vet has been underwritten by the John S. and Norma W. Darling Foundation with additional support from the Helen Brach Foundation.



Play Library

Letters make words, words make sentences, and sentences make stories. A world of knowledge awaits at the library!

Try it:

- Choose a story to look at, or have your caregiver read it to you.
- Check the book return bin and help to re-shelve books in the library.
- Use a computer to hear a story in another language.

Play Library has been underwritten by The Galter Foundation.



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Potbelly Sandwich Works

At our play Potbelly café, children get to try their hand at working the lunch hour and making pretend sandwiches for diners.

Try it:

- Make a sandwich using buns, meat, cheese, lettuce, tomato, etc.
- Answer the telephone or ask your caregiver what kind of sandwich they would like and make the sandwich with the different foods.
- Create a pretend milkshake with chocolate and vanilla ice cream.

Potbelly Sandwich Works has been underwritten by Bryant and Sheila Keil.



Powered by Nature

How do you turn wind and sun into energy? Here children will explore the concepts behind renewable energy using the wind and sunshine.

Try it:

- Push buttons to create wind and move the turbines.
- Build a neighborhood using solar panel homes and discover how can you tell that the solar panels are working.
- See how much power the Museum is making with its very own wind turbine and solar panel (located in *Habitat Park*).

Powered by Nature has been underwritten by the Allstate Foundation, with additional support from ComEd, an Exelon Company, HSBC – North America, the Illinois Clean Energy Community Foundation, and the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity.



Water Works

Here, children can explore scientific properties of water, practical everyday functions of water, and even some of the most imaginative artistic uses of water they've ever seen!

Try it:

- Crank five balls using the Archimedes Screw and watch where they go.
- Build a sailboat and test it in the river.
- Try creating a pattern with water droplets at the rhythmic fountain.

Water Works has been underwritten by the Souder Family Foundation.



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