

Exhibit Highlights

Adventures in Art

The Daniel F. and Ada L. Rice Art Studio is designed to provide inspiration for children to explore their inner creativity, with daily art programs that change monthly.

Our newly-renovated *Adventures in Art* exhibit features creative stations open every day to create your masterpieces through media such as:

- ☐ Painting
- ☐ Weaving
- ☐ Clay Sculpture
- ☐ Recycled Art



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.



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 Children's Hospital.



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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.

Baby Nursery has been underwritten by ComEd, an Exelon Company.



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.



Habitat Park

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

Try it:

- 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.

Habitat Park has been underwritten by the Diane 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; the Handwerker Family; Tom and Louise Flickinger & the Edward E. and Marie L. Matthews Foundation; and the Illinois Clean Energy Community Foundation.



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Hands On House

Roll up your sleeves and help complete the construction of 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.



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.
- ☐ Play a game of "I Spy" to spot various forest creatures.
- ☐ Explore camouflage by making native birds of Illinois disappear into forest backdrops.
- ☐ Dress up and pretend to be an animal in the forest.

Native Birds of Illinois underwritten by William and Mary Lane.



Pet Vet

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

Try it:

- ☐ 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.
- ☐ Clamber through our pet obstacle course to test your strength and balance.

Pet Vet has been underwritten by the John S. and Norma W. Darling Foundation.



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Play Café

At our play 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.
- Create a pretend milkshake with chocolate and vanilla ice cream.



Powered by Nature

Explore the concepts behind renewable energy of the wind and sun using solar panels, wind turbines, mirrors and magnifying glasses.

Try it:

- Create the most effective wind turbine through testing a variety of blade shapes.
- Align houses toward the sun to get the most effective use out of solar panels.
- Conduct virtual experiments with objects including ice-cream, popsicles and chocolate using magnifying glasses and mirrors to harness the sun's energy.



Powered by Nature has been underwritten by the Allstate Foundation, with additional support from ComEd, an Exelon Company, HSBC Bank, USA, the Illinois Department of Natural Resources and the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity.

Ravinia Festival 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.
- Slide notes up and down a scale to explore pitch.



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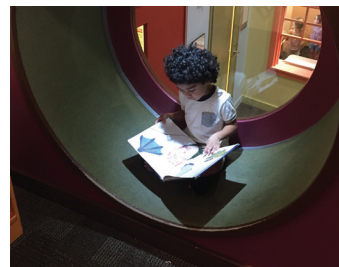
Sheridan's Books and Crannies

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.
- ☐ Act out your own story on the stage.
- ☐ Recreate your favorite story using of the activity kits.

Sheridan's Books and Crannies has been underwritten by The Souder Family Foundation, with additional support from the Public Museum Capital Grants Program, Illinois Department of National Resources, Illinois State Museum.



SpotHero Car Garage

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

Try it:

- ☐ Roll play as a garage attendant and check in parking cars.
- ☐ Design and build cars to race down inclined plane ramps.
- ☐ Use tools to fix the engine on a pretend car.
- ☐ Turn the cranks on the car wash to make the rollers spin.
- ☐ Change two tires on the car.



Turtle Rock

In this live animal exhibit, you can observe young red-eared sliders, turtles native to Illinois. In this partnership with Shedd Aquarium, use your observation skills to discover how turtles move, swim, eat, and interact with each other.

Try it:

- ☐ Look carefully at the shells of the turtles to see if you can tell them apart.
- ☐ Count how many turtles you see in the exhibit. Look carefully — turtles like to hide in tall grasses and under rocks!

Turtle Rock has been underwritten by Kendra and Thys Wallace and Family.



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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.



Whole Foods Market

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.
- Role play as a cashier to ring up the shopping totals.
- Pretend to be a stock clerk and restock groceries on the shelves.
- Take a selfie shot at the ATM and paste it into a dollar bill, and then e-mail your new money to a friend!

Interactive ATM has been underwritten by Glenview State Bank.

