

FALL 2023

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**Make Way
For 2024!**

BUBBLY NEW YEAR'S EVE RETURNS DECEMBER 31

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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! Go on amazing adventures, meet silly characters and participate in fun, at-home projects and experiments. It's a great way to visit the museum from the comfort of your own home!



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!

Diary of A Plant
November 15, 2023

Weather, Radars, & Rudolph
December 12, 2023



Presented by:



Mutual of Omaha

Jurassic Nebraska

Exhibit open NOW through Jan. 7, 2024

What would our lives be like if dinosaurs lived among us and roamed our modern world? That is the question asked in the newest Omaha Children's Museum, *Jurassic Nebraska* exhibit. Enter a world where dinosaurs roam our world. See eye-to-eye with a Tyrannosaurus Rex, score a first down with your dino teammates, and search for dinosaurs in a dig pit.

Cobweb Castle

Open through October 31

Guest favorite, Cobweb Castle, returns September 30th-October 31st. Join us for daily programs as we learn all about spiders and their awesome secrets! Find out how spiders help humans, how incredibly strong (and beautiful) their webs are, and why we should be nice to these spindly creatures.



Santa's Magic

Exhibit opens November 24

The big man himself returns! Santa Claus will make his arrival to the Omaha Children's Museum to kick off the start of our Santa's Magic live show, featuring beloved characters such as Santa's Elves, and Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer. You won't want to miss it!



DAILY PROGRAMMING



October 1 - December 31, 2023

TUES
through
FRI

MORNING
S.T.E.A.M. Power

Science Shows

Kitchen ABCs

AFTERNOON
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Learn-a-saurus Lab

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Science Shows

Tues. - Fri.: 11 am, 1, & 2 pm; Sat. - Sun.: 11 am, 12, 1, 2, 3 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.

October: *Spooky Science*

November: *Science Mash-Up*
(Some of our favorite shows and experiments)

December: *Festive Science Around The World*



S.T.E.A.M. Power

Tues. - Fri.: 2:45 pm; Sat. - Sun.: 9:30 am & 4:00 pm

S.T.E.A.M. Cave

We're opening our STEAM 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 practicing coding skills among other activities.



Kitchen ABC's

Tuesday - Friday, 9:30 am

Party Rooms

Become a junior chef as you practice basic kitchen techniques such as cutting and measuring, and then eat your creations. Space is limited, so pick up your free ticket near the front desk.



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



Learn-a-saurus Lab

Listen for announcements at the museum for program times!
Jurassic Nebraska Exhibit

Join us upstairs in the *Jurassic Nebraska* exhibit as we explore the exhibit. Go on a Dino expedition, observe some of our live critters and learn how they are related to dinosaurs, investigate the biomechanics of dinosaurs, and lots more!



Cobweb Castle

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Sat. - Sun.: 9:30 am & 2:45 pm
Cobweb Castle Exhibit

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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.



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



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



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



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.

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

We will be **CLOSED** on
**November 23, December 24,
December 25, and January 1**

Family Fun Weekends are sponsored by **Runza**

OCT
**14,
21,
28**

Trick or Treat Days

Sunday, Oct. 14, 21, 28

Come play at the museum AND collect your Halloween candy all at once! We will have candy, small toys and more as you trick or treat your way through the museum. Don't forget to come dressed up!

OCT
26

Read for the Record

Thursday, October 26

Join OCM on October 26th as we join Jumpstart in breaking the world record for reading the same book, on the same day! This year's story is *With Lots of Love* by Jenny Torres Sanchez. In addition to going into schools, OCM will be doing an in-house reading at 1:30pm. The first 25 families will receive a free copy of the book!

NOV
**10-
12**

DC vs Marvel

Friday, November 10 - Sunday, November 12

Batman or Superman? Black Widow or Wonder Woman? They're all welcome here! Be sure to dress up for our Marvel vs. DC Weekend to show support for your favorite comic book hero. You will get to make your own superhero mask, design your own superhero, meet some superhero visitors, and more! All activities included with admission.

DEC
3

Holiday Lights Festival

Sunday, December 3; 11am-4pm

On Sunday, December 3rd, the museum will be participating in the Holiday Lights Festival in downtown Omaha. Partnering with other non-profits in Omaha, OCM will offer free admission, fun holiday activities, and Santa meet-and-greets throughout the day! Festivities start at 11am. (Please note there will be no Santa's Magic performances on this day).

DEC
**8-
10**

Santa's Tinker Workshop

Friday, December 15 - Sunday, December 17

Santa's elves need your help! It's close to Christmas, and there are so many toys still to make. Come join Santa's gang and explore all the tinkering that comes with making toys. Don't forget to take a cookie decorating break, and read a story with Mrs. Claus. Santa will be here too for your own holiday requests. It's sure to be a jolly time! All activities are included with admission.

DEC
31

Bubbly New Year's Eve

Sunday, December 31; 9am-7pm

Don't let bed times burst your bubble! We are celebrating our New Year's Eve all day long. Put on some swag as you ring in the New Year with the Amazing Bubble Show, NYE crafts, characters, and bubble drops throughout the day. All activities included with admission, while supplies last.



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