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the official newsletter of the
betty brinn children's museum
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TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALLGAME

Big League Fun is open for
play through April 30

Sweet!

Do(wop) be sure to
attend our *Valentine
Ice Cream Social*

Educational programs

for January - April



SECOND BASE

exhibit news



Now open through April 30

Our newest exhibit is a home run with visitors!

Get in the game in *Big League Fun*, our special exhibit that will immerse your family in the exciting world of baseball.

The 2,000 square-foot hands-on experience features fun activities, simulated game experiences, and trivia challenges that promote important educational concepts for children and engage fans of all ages. From Spring Training to the World Series, explore the ins and outs of baseball season. Exhibit activities emphasize the science and math behind the sport, reflect national academic standards for school-age children and support developmental milestones set by the National Association for the Education of Young Children. The Milwaukee debut of this exhibit has just been extended to April 30, before it heads out on a national tour. Don't miss it – take your family out to the ballgame today!

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The Pizza Factory & Cafe

is open through April 2

Role-play as the factory supervisor, a pizza maker in the mini manufacturing line or a worker in the packaging department in this pretend business sponsored by Palermo's. Or, pretend to be a customer and enjoy a slice at the bistro table!

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events & programs

It's good to be a member in January

BBCM members receive FREE admission to the Milwaukee Art Museum January 2017

This month, Museum members receive complimentary admission to the Milwaukee Art Museum! Just show your membership card at the MAM admissions desk and it will cover up to two adults or children age 12 and older. Children younger than 12 are always free! This offer is not valid for special events or MAM After Dark.

Visit www.mam.org for hours and more information.

MEMBER SWAP DAY

Sunday, January 29

On Member Swap Day, Museum members receive free reciprocal admission at participating organizations, including:

- Charles Allis Museum
- Grohmann Museum
- Milwaukee Art Museum
- Milwaukee Public Museum
- Pabst Mansion
- Villa Terrace

Just show your membership card at the admissions desk at each venue to receive free admission for the two adults and number of children listed on the card!



Please check each organization's website for hours of operation.

EDUCATORS! Join the Making in Education Community of Practice

Do you want to learn more about STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts, and math) and the Maker movement? Would you like to discover and share ways to implement it in your classroom? Do you want hands-on time with emerging technology like 3D printers, laser cutters, CNC machines, and more? Then join the Betty Brinn Children's Museum's *Making in Education Community of Practice!*

Visit www.bbcmkids.org/making-in-education-community-of-practice for more information, to sign up for the COP and to RSVP for our next meet-up at the Museum on January 26 (see below)!

MAKING IN EDUCATION COMMUNITY OF PRACTICE EDUCATORS MEET-UP

JANUARY 26TH @ BETTY BRINN CHILDREN'S MUSEUM

5PM-6PM FREE

HANDS-ON WORKSHOPS

REFRESHMENTS

(STICK AROUND FOR MAKESHIFT ADULT EVENT, 6PM-8PM, 10\$)

DETAILS & TICKETS:
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The Community of Practice is presented in part by a grant from the Herzfeld Foundation.



DEMOS/HACKS/DIY/ADULTS ONLY
High-Tech Hibernation
Thursday, January 26
6 - 8 p.m.

MakeShift is an adults-only event series hosted by the Betty Brinn Children's Museum. Come to learn new skills, experiment with tools and technology and meet creative people. This month you can tinker with electricity to create your own art-making robot, make special messages using a DIY letterpress and use lasers to cut stuff!

TICKETS \$10 each/includes projects, drinks & snacks
GET THEM AT www.bbcmkids.org/event/makeshift

February is National Children's Dental Health Month

A partnership with

Dental Associates
smile more.

Thanks to our continued partnership with the experts at Dental Associates, we are pleased to present families with great tips and resources in February during National Children's Dental Health Month. The Museum's month-long campaign will promote the benefits of good oral health to children and their caregivers.

Healthy baby teeth are very important to a child's physical, social and emotional development, supporting good nutrition with proper chewing, aiding speech development and building self-esteem. Professionals from Dental Associates will visit the Museum February 6, 11, 20 and 25 to provide caregivers and young children with important information and fun activities to help build healthy and happy smiles for the entire family. If you haven't done so already, be sure to like us on Facebook, where we will share helpful tips on positive dental health practices for your young child.



Monday, February 6
Saturday, February 11
Monday, February 20
Saturday, February 25

10:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.: Visit the Dental Associates booth where professionals will provide information, activities and giveaways!

Noon - 12:30 p.m.: Join Dental Associates for a special program where kids can learn fun facts about visiting the dentist, and participate in interactive activities that are sure to get them excited about cleaning their teeth at least twice a day!

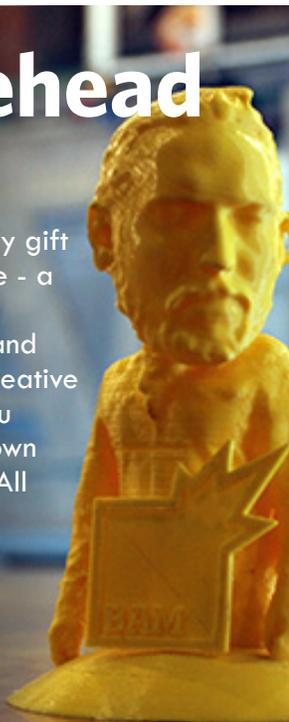
DIY Bobblehead Workshop

Create the perfect Valentine's Day gift in the Museum's Be A Maker space - a personalized bobblehead! Join us for this special DIY workshop, and one of the knowledgeable and creative BAM staff members will guide you through the steps to create your own bobblehead using a 3-D printer. All ages welcome; children must be accompanied by an adult.

February 2
6 - 9 pm

Only six seats available!

\$75 per bobblehead; register online at
bbcmkids.org/event/bobblehead



CELEBRATE & LEARN

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
January 16

Celebrate the contributions of Martin Luther King, Jr., with an "I Have a Dream" letter-writing activity, crafts and a special story time.

Black History Month
February

Learn about important African Americans and others who influenced history. Make a card that highlights a hero and color pages about the Underground Railroad, Negro Baseball League and more!

Earth Day
April 22

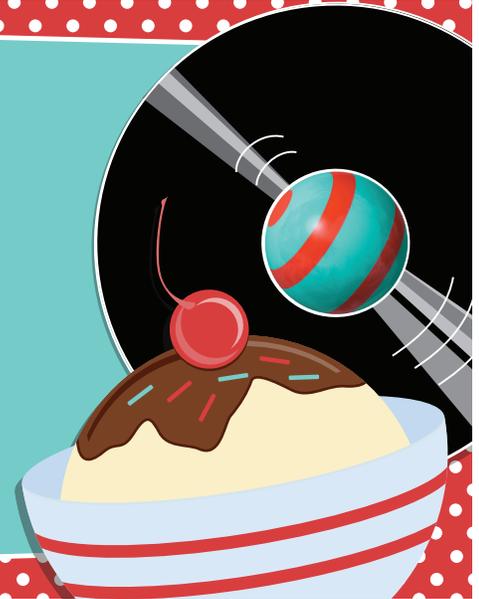
How can you save the planet? Find out about what we can do to keep the earth special with a scavenger hunt about conserving water, recycling activities and earth- and family-friendly recipes.



Valentine

Ice Cream Social & Sock Hop

Saturday, February 11



Presented by



Sweet Stop sponsors:



Step back in time and celebrate Valentine's Day with sundaes and a sock hop! Customize your ice cream sundae at the Museum's retro ice cream stand, enjoy sweets and treats courtesy of our sponsors, build your own musical instrument in honor of the jukebox heroes, and boogie all day long at a family friendly sock hop featuring '50s classics.

Beginning January 25, visit a Sendik's Food Market – Balistreri Owned & Operated, purchase select products and show your receipt to receive one FREE admission to our *Valentine Ice Cream Social!* One admission per product. Visit bbcmkids.org for product information.

Neighborhood Night

The Museum's monthly free evening
Held on the third Thursday of every month from 5 - 8 p.m.

Presented by **Northwestern Mutual**

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**January 19, February 16,
March 16 and April 20**

Every Neighborhood Night: Be A Maker!

Stop by our *Be A Maker* space to find tools, materials and techniques for endless ways to experiment and create.

Be A Maker programs during *Neighborhood Night* are presented by



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Storytelling with Milwaukee Public Television

January 19 & February 16

Discover your inner author and illustrator with Milwaukee Public Television! Learn the basics of storytelling with hands-on activities, and continue the fun with a craft to take home. Create a story and enter it in MPTV's 22nd annual PBS Kids Writers Contest (open to children enrolled in 5K through 3rd grade in Dodge, Jefferson, Kenosha, Milwaukee, Ozaukee, Racine, Sheboygan, Walworth, Washington and Waukesha counties). For more information about the contest, please visit www.mptv.org/kids.



ANIMALS & NATURE

Animal Antics with the Zoological Society of Milwaukee

January 31, February 28, March 28 and April 25 at 10:30 a.m.

From animal senses to animal athletes, learn about animals from around the world with the Zoological Society of Milwaukee. Sing songs, play games and make a special craft to take home – and meet some live animals!

Nature Nook with the Urban Ecology Center

January 11, February 8, March 8 and April 5 at 10:30 a.m.

Can winter come inside? How do you move like an animal? Is nature different at night? Join the Urban Ecology Center for interactive, nature-themed programs that include songs, stories, games, and hands-on fun.

Trash to Treasure with Keep Greater Milwaukee Beautiful

January 24, February 22, March 22 and April 26 at 10:30 a.m.

Get crafty with Keep Greater Milwaukee Beautiful! Learn about our environment – and how to protect it – with stories and crafts. Explore a different environmental topic each month including wind, fish, flowers, rain and more!

Wild Wisconsin with Riveredge Nature Center

January 18, February 15, March 15 and April 19 at 10:30 a.m.

Learn what makes Wisconsin a wildly wonderful place to live with a naturalist from Riveredge Nature Center. Learn how animals stay warm, solve footprint riddles, discover the magic of sugar maple trees, and become a weather forecaster as you explore the wonders of our natural world.

The Presto-X Insect Zoo

April 14 from 10 a.m. - noon

Kids love bugs – and Presto-X loves kids! Learn more about the fascinating world of insects with entomologists from Presto-X when they visit the Museum and bring along some of their unusual insect friends for children to experience up close.

MATH/ FINANCIAL LITERACY

It's in the Bank: Age 4 and older

January 16 & 20, February 6 & 20, March 3 & 17 and April 12 & 13 at 11:30 a.m.

Age 4 and older. Join us for facilitated play that teaches children about earning, spending, saving and sharing. Children will be the contestants in a fast-paced game show that will help them develop their financial vocabulary and learn to make smart decisions.



preschool programs

Birth through age 5 are critical years in a child's development. In addition to special programs throughout the year, our weekly pre-school programs are a great way to get ready for kindergarten and beyond – and have fun learning together. Space is limited. Please sign up for programs when you arrive at the Museum!

Naomi's Music Together

Age 5 and younger
January 5 at 10 a.m. & 11 a.m.

Play instruments, chant rhythms and move to music during this 30-minute class with Naomi Bodine, a teacher trained in the Music Together® program. This national program is known for its developmentally appropriate research-based curriculum.

Pint-Size Science

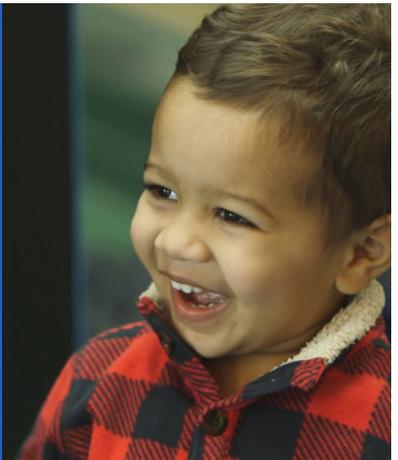
Ages 2 - 5
January 17, February 14, March 14, April 17 at 10:30 a.m.

From the kitchen to the playground – and even in the car – science is all around us. Join us as we make exciting science discoveries through stories, songs and experiments!

Tot Time

Ages 1 - 3
Thursdays at 10:30 a.m.

There will be no Tot Time on January 5 & April 13
Singing, listening to stories, playing games and other activities for our youngest visitors are the first, critical steps in building academic and social skills for a lifetime. Join us for fun and games that are really all about learning.



Music Makers

Ages 2 - 5
Fridays at 10:30 a.m.

There will be no Music Makers on April 14
Sing, listen, play rhythm instruments and move to music with staff from the Wisconsin Conservatory of Music.



BAM BE A MAKER

Daily Open Making

Stop by the BAM space every afternoon from 2 - 4 p.m. to tinker with tools, build something out of recycled materials, experiment with technology and more!

Spring Break

April 10-14

We will be using a variety of materials like clay, cardboard and computers to form models and miniature masterpieces!



ARTS PROGRAMS

Kids Korps

January 8 at 1 p.m.

Join the talented young dancers from Kids Korps as they perform jazz, tap, ballet and character dance moves to the music of Broadway.

Movement & Music with Danceworks

January 10, February 7, March 7, April 4 at 10:30 a.m.

Get your child's body – and mind! – moving with Danceworks. Children will practice simple movement exercises that also help caregivers increase flexibility and model healthy exercise habits. Activities incorporate rhythm to help develop motor skills, stimulate brain development and awaken the senses.

Walker's Point Center for the Arts

January 25, February 21, March 21, April 18 at 1-:30 a.m.

Join educators from Walker's Point Center for the Arts and experiment with hands-on arts activities.



Trinity Irish Dancers

March 12 at 1 p.m.

Watch young dancers during a 20-minute traditional Irish dance performance and then stay to learn the Irish Jig!

The Billy Goats Gruff

April 11 at 12 and 1 p.m.

Age 3 and older. Enjoy a special version of "The Billy Goats Gruff" during a performance by the Florentine Opera Company!

Maker Faire Milwaukee

SAVE THE DATE

Maker Faire Milwaukee 2017 is September 23 & 24

More than 45,000 people experienced Maker Faire Milwaukee 2016 during a beautiful fall weekend at Wisconsin State Fair Park. We asked some of the attendees what they loved about it, and here's what they said. Join us in 2017 – it's FREE!

Such a huge variety of things - lots to be inspired by.

The wide variety of makers; no two booths were alike!

There was something new and exciting to see or try in every aisle. I take my kids to events almost every week, and this was, by far, one of my favorite events of the year.

Everybody was more than happy to explain and demo to kids. Every single person we talked with really understood the spirit of the event.

Too many to list. It was an outstanding event.

It was so unique. I have never been to a Faire like this before. It inspired me to want to make something of my own.



Be the first to know about event updates – visit makerfairemilwaukee.com and sign up for our email list.

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The 2016 Odd Ball

was held at Wisconsin State Fair Park on September 24, 2016, in tandem with Maker Faire® Milwaukee. The fundraiser highlighted the Museum's commitment to the maker movement and providing more opportunities for children and young people to develop the skills they need to learn, live and work. Thanks to the dedication and leadership of *Odd Ball* co-chairs Erica and Erik Zipp and the support of the entire *Odd Ball* committee, attendees of the event were able to immerse themselves in the creativity of the maker movement and experience first-hand the importance of the Museum's STEAM initiatives. We are grateful to all of our *Odd Ball* volunteers who coordinated an evening of delicious food, silent and live auctions, a golden ticket raffle and unique entertainment – including an armor-clad knight battling a lightning-producing Tesla coil!

The generosity of our *Odd Ball* supporters helped the Museum raise critical funds to maintain our dynamic educational facility and advance the Museum's commitment to ensuring that families struggling to raise a child have access to our educational resources. We extend our sincere thanks to *Odd Ball's* Patron Sponsors, GE Healthcare and Northwestern Mutual, along with all of the event sponsors and contributors who recognize the need for STEAM-based education for our youngest learners.

Shopping for a little maker?

Get 10% off at Brown Dog Gadgets!

Our friends at Brown Dog Gadgets are offering a discount to friends of BBCM through the month of January. And, they will donate 10% of all online sales to the Museum's *Be A Maker* space to help fund some great educational programs!

Visit browndoggadgets.com and use promo code "BettyBrinn" at checkout through Jan. 31.



hours

Monday - Saturday, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Sunday noon - 5 p.m.

Special hours: The Museum will be closed Sunday, April 16.

admission

\$8 per person (adults and children older than 1 year)

\$7 for seniors (age 55 and older)

Children younger than 1 year and Museum members: FREE

parking

O'Donnell Park garage (entrance on Michigan St.) - \$2 off for Museum visitors; \$3 flat rate for Museum members

US Bank garage (entrance on Clybourn St.) - \$3 flat rate (4-hour limit) *Discounted parking rates do not apply on select days.*

dining

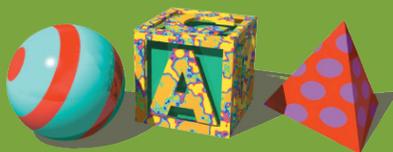
Coast Café hours: Tuesday - Saturday, 11 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Coast Cafe offers a 10% discount to all Museum members! *Valid membership card MUST be presented to receive discount.*

contact us

Visit www.bbcmkids.org, or call 414-390-KIDS (5437) and dial the extensions listed below if you have questions or would like information about the following Museum programs and services. For all requests not listed here, please dial extension 222.

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