



## SATURDAY NIGHT PARTIES

Saturday night parties are for children looking for some fun and excitement and for parents looking for a night off. Each party has a different theme but will include games, crafts, snacks, free play, and more. Children must be signed in and out by a parent or guardian. Children must be potty trained to participate in the program. Register early and save!

Instructor: Exploration Station Staff

Age(s): 3-12 years

Date(s): Session I – December 17 - Reindeer Games  
Session II - January 21 - Snowmen Antics  
Session III- February 18 - Wizard Bash

Time(s): 6:00-10:00 p.m.

Location: Exploration Station... a children's museum

Fee: Residents \$9/Non-Residents \$12

Museum Members \$7

At the door- Residents \$11/Non-Residents \$14/Museum Members \$8

Min/Max: 5/30

Prog. Number: Session I-322510-A  
Session II-322510-B  
Session III-322510-C

## SPECIAL FAMILIES WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

Join us on the first Thursday of every month! Families with children of special needs are invited to Exploration Station for an evening of exploration and hands on interaction. This is also a great opportunity to interact and network with other families. We understand that it can be difficult or uncomfortable to visit the museum during regular hours and hope this will give families and children an opportunity to enjoy the museum.

Age(s): All Ages

Date(s): Thursdays-December 1, January 5, February 2

Time(s): 5:30-7:00 p.m.

Location: Exploration Station... a children's museum

Fee: Residents \$2/Non-Residents \$3

Museum Members Free

Min/Max: 200 Max

## CULTURAL CELEBRATIONS

Ever wonder what types of games other children play, what language they speak, what clothes they wear or what food they eat? Join us twice a month as we explore this and more and celebrate the cultures of our world at Exploration Station. Through activities such as special guests, games, food, music, dance, art and more you will learn what makes each and every one of us special. Check out our website for a schedule of cultures, special guests and special activities we will have planned.

Instructor: Jennifer Pourroy

Age(s): All Ages

Date(s): 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Saturdays of the month

December 10, January 14 & 28, February 11 & 25

Time(s): 11:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

Location: Exploration Station... a children's museum

Fee: Free with General Admission

Min/Max: Museum Capacity 200

## READING WITH THE DOGS

Does your child struggle with reading, not really care for it, or maybe your child loves to read...whatever the case this program will be great for your child. Along with the Bradley Public Library and the Schatzi Foundation, we are offering this unique opportunity for your children. Children will have the opportunity to read to a trained, certified, and insured therapy dog and handler for a minimum of 5-10 minutes, the rest of the time you and your child can explore in the Exploration Station. The objective of the program is to provide a relaxed and dog friendly atmosphere, which allows children to practice the skill of reading. Many children have difficulties reading; as a result they have developed self esteem issues. They are often self conscious when reading aloud in front of other classmates. By sitting down next to the dog, all threats of being judged are put aside. Pre-registration is required and parents need to be present during the program, but will be in a seating area while the children are reading. More specific details will be provided at the time of registration.

Ages(s): Up to 13 years

Date(s): 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the Month

Session I - Tuesday, January 24

Session II - Tuesday, February 28

Time(s): 6:00-7:00 p.m.

Location: Exploration Station... a children's museum

Fee: Free (monetary donations for the dogs are accepted)

Min/Max: 30 Max

Prog. Number: Session I-322955-A  
Session II-322955-B

## EXPLORE AND MORE!

That's right folks, now you can come to Exploration Station and not only explore in our hands-on exhibits, but we will also have special activities, experiments, crafts, games, special guests, etc. planned to really make your visit with us memorable. These activities will be changing all the time, so keep coming back to see what we have going on. Although Explore and More will be offered most days, it will not be every day. Be sure to check out our "Explore and More" Calendar available on our website or at the museum so you can plan your visits accordingly.

Age(s): All Ages

Date(s)/Time(s): Please visit [exploration-station.org](http://exploration-station.org)

Location: Exploration Station... a children's museum

Fee: Free with general admission

## SNOW BIRD SNACKS & REINDEER FOOD

Give our feathered and furry friends a winter snack during a time when natural food is scarce. Come to the children's museum, mix up a batch of reindeer food and create a one of a kind bird feeder to take home and hang outdoors.

Instructor: Tammy Anderson

Age(s): 3-8 years

Dates: Thursday December 22

Times: 10:30-11:00a.m.

Location: Exploration Station... a children's museum

Fee: Residents \$3/Non-Residents \$5/Members Free

Min/Max: 4/15

Prog. Number: 312602-A



## TECH IT APART

Children can learn what is really inside various electronics. How? By actually taking it apart! Here at the children's museum we encourage kids to explore and learn. What better way than to take it apart and see how it works! Various items could include: VCR's, remote controls, DVD players, clocks, toasters, blow dryers, etc. Parents are asked to attend with their child and disassemble along with them. We are also collecting donated electronics for the program.

Age(s): All Ages  
 Date(s): 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the Month (Excluding Holidays)  
 December 17, January 21, & February 18  
 Time(s): 10:00-11:00 a.m.  
 Location: Exploration Station... a children's museum  
 Fee: Free with Paid Admission (Residents \$4  
 Non Residents \$6/Museum Members Free)  
 Min/Max: 20 Max

## PAINT-A-PALOOZA

Join museum staff in a painting festival at Exploration Station. Brush up on mixing colors and learn about different types of paint and how artist use them. Experiment with different types of wacky paints, brushes, stamps, and rollers. Participants will make fun projects to take home and hang on the fridge.

Instructor: Exploration Station... a children's museum Staff  
 Age(s): All Ages  
 Date(s): Thursday, January 26  
 Times: 6:00-7:30pm  
 Location: Exploration Station... a children's museum  
 Fee: Residents \$6/Non-Residents \$8  
 Museum Members \$3  
 Min/Max: 7/20  
 Prog. Numbers: 302201-A

## NEW YEARS EVE CELEBRATION!

You and your family are invited to celebrate the end of 2011 and the beginning of 2012. Start your evening with a reception and play time at Exploration Station, ending the evening will be a spectacular fireworks display at the Perry Farm Park. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Due to limited reception space, participants must purchase tickets at Exploration Station... a children's museum.



Age(s): All Ages  
 Date(s): Saturday, December 31  
 Times: 7:00-9:00 p.m.  
 Location: Exploration Station... a children's museum  
 Fee: Residents \$5/Non-Residents \$7  
 Museum Members Free  
 Min/Max: 200 max  
 Prog. Numbers: 301505-A

## HAND MADE BY ME!

Glitter! Paint! Stamps! Fabric! Ric Rac! Sequins! Markers! And More!! Create one of a kind cards to give to your family members, just in time for Valentine's Day.

Instructor: Tammy Anderson  
 Age(s): 3-6 yrs.  
 Dates: Friday, February 10  
 Times: 10:30-11:00  
 Location: Exploration Station... a children's museum  
 Fee: Residents \$5/Non-Residents \$7/Museum Members \$2  
 Min/Max: 4/12  
 Prog. Number: 312207-A

## A GREAT DAY FOR SNOW

Let it Snow! Let it Snow! Let It Snow! Winter is unavoidable, so you may as well enjoy it. Exploration Station is offering this new program all about fluffy white precipitation. Children will learn about the properties of snow and ice, create snow themed crafts, and make snow inside that won't give you frost bite.

Instructor: Tammy Anderson  
 Age(s): 5-10 yrs.  
 Date: Wednesday, January 4  
 Times: 1:00-1:45 p.m.  
 Location: Exploration Station... a children's museum  
 Fee: Residents \$5/Non-Residents \$7/Museum Members \$2  
 Min/Max: 4/15  
 Prog. Number: 312932-A



## CABIN FEVER

Tired of being cooped up all winter? Come to the children's museum for an afternoon of fun and engaging winter activities. The program will include cabin crafts and activities. Finish the program with an edible fire and cocoa.

Instructor: Tammy Anderson  
 Age(s): 3-6 yrs.  
 Date: Wednesday, February 29  
 Time: 1:00-1:45 p.m.  
 Location: Exploration Station... a children's museum  
 Fee: Residents \$5/Non-Residents \$7/Museum Members \$2  
 Min/Max: 4/15  
 Prog. Number: 312931-A



## FLIP KITS

Does your child love to read? Come check out our new Flip Kits! The Exploration Station...a children's museum has partnered with the Bradley library to bring literacy to your home. Flip Kits consist of a picture book and a corresponding activity. We provide all the materials that you need to complete the activity at your home. Flip Kits can be checked out for a period of two weeks, and are FREE to those who live in Kankakee County! We are sure that these kits will make you "flip with excitement!"

**SAVE THE DATE!**  
**FRIDAY, APRIL 13**  
**"Knight at the Museum"**