

explore & more

THE RALPH C. WILSON, JR.
CHILDREN'S MUSEUM



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welcome!

A world-class children's museum that celebrates the power of child-led play has arrived at Buffalo's doorstep. With **four floors of fun** to explore, the **43,000 sq. ft. museum** sits at the crossroads between replica canals and bridges that have become year-round community destinations.

The museum reflects that sense of place with **thoughtfully crafted exhibits** that help children develop a deeper sense of our world, our community and their place in it in a fun and engaging way for children and adults alike.

play into possibilities



discover playful exhibits

playground

This fully inclusive, indoor playground is the only one of its kind in Western New York. In removing the barriers to inclusion, both physical and social, it provides a “sensory-rich” experience and offers numerous benefits for all children year-round.

moving water

Come follow the waterways through time as they carry boats, move people and power Buffalo. Our iconic two-story waterfall cascades down into a water table where children of all ages learn about the Erie Canal, how locks work, and how electricity is produced.

farm to fork

On our farm, you can plant, grow and harvest your crops as well as care for a milking cow and some chickens. Load your produce onto a small-scale huckster truck and sell it at the farmer’s market. If all that work builds up your appetite, cook your farm-fresh finds in our farmhouse play kitchen.



being good neighbors

This child-sized street has three homes that look similar from the outside, but inside, you'll find that their furnishings, decorations and traditions are very different. The homes invite us to celebrate differences and explore similarities among our neighbors.

car wash

The immersive Car Wash exhibit is the first and only one of its kind! It engages children by taking them through the wash, rinse, and dry phases of a car wash. From liquid floors to a vacuum wall and a heat-activated color-changing vehicle, children are able to play with every aspect of the exhibit. Additionally, the car wash is accessible to everyone.

driving buffalo's dreams

Design your own vehicle and drive it through the streets of Buffalo in a larger-than-life projection of the city, then roll up your sleeves and perform maintenance on the vehicle. There's even a Hot Wheels repair station!

playing together

We want you on our team! Families can run, move, play and see what it feels like to be a part of the sports teams that make Buffalo great. Try on gear from different teams to imagine yourself as different kinds of athletes, or join in the fun by trying out different sports challenges with your friends.

lighting buffalo's imagination

Children and adults alike will enjoy exploring STEM concepts through hands-on experimentation as they are inspired by native innovators of our past and consider the unlimited possibilities of their own creative and inventive future.



building buffalo

Be inspired by Buffalo's storied architectural history. Work together to construct your own great structures out of different building materials. Step into a construction zone and design, experiment and build anything imaginable, including a bridge, a house and a city. Imagine yourself as the next great architect, builder or urban planner.

The fourth floor terrace offers unprecedented views of of the Buffalo city skyline with a crystal clear view of the fireworks show at the Buffalo Bisons' Sahlen Field. The zone has a windmill, wind and musical instruments and various plantings to soak up the sunshine.

person centered services community treehouse

Our Person Centered Services Community Treehouse immerses visitors in a breathtaking Western New York woodland scene, taking the concept of an inclusive outdoor treehouse and transporting it indoors with a whimsical twist. The Treehouse structure is accessible to everyone, including guests in wheeled mobility devices.

more ways to play

Join us in our **Cooking Galley, Art Studio** and **Tinkering Tank** for additional immersive experiences! Check out our website calendar for special programs and activities to help plan your fun-filled adventure, or just pop by during our regular museum hours. We promise you'll always find something fun to do!



plan your play

year-round fun

check website for tickets and hours

learn more

visit us online to learn more about classes, special events, birthdays and rentals at

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location

130 Main Street
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Just 3.5 miles from the
Peace Bridge or a
38 minute train ride
from Niagara Falls

