



Muncie Children's Museum
515 S. High Street, Muncie, IN 47305

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Museum Hours:
(Updated for Covid-19 protocols)

Wednesday-Saturday:
Open 10am-12:30pm
Closed for cleaning 12:30pm-2pm
Open 2pm-5pm
CLOSED Sunday-Tuesday

General Admission:
\$6.00 per person ages 1-100
MCM Members are **FREE**

For more information visit www.munciemuseum.com or call us at **765-286-1660**.
You can also follow us on social media for daily updates and special promotions!



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**kids in the
spotlight**

Meet Ryleigh, age 9! We love highlighting some of our awesome museum visitors! Her favorite color is purple, and her favorite holiday tradition is Trick or Treating on Halloween!



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Where it's fun to learn!



newsletter

November & December 2020

announcing
Amazing Elf Adventure 2020!



It's time again for Amazing Elf Adventure, one of the Muncie Children's Museum's biggest events of the year! But this time, we're doing things a little bit differently...

Have you ever dreamed of becoming an elf? Do you want to learn what it takes to become one of Santa's helpers? The word on the snow is Santa is planning on hiring new elves for this holiday season. Will you be one of the lucky few?

In partnership with DWTWN Muncie's First Thursday's, we are kicking off Amazing Elf Adventure on Thursday, December 3rd with an interactive scavenger hunt throughout downtown!

We will then launch a series of video scavenger hunts on our Facebook and Instagram pages for you and your family to enjoy, with the chance to win a grand holiday prize!

For More Information

Continue to watch our website www.munciemuseum.com OR
Visit our Facebook Page and Instagram for details.

a round of applause

A huge shout out to the families that made our inaugural Day of Play a success! Thank you to our sponsors who made the Day of Play possible: First Merchants Bank, Estep Burkey Simmons, LLC, First Merchants Private Wealth Advisors, George Insurance Group, Grinnell Mutual, Clark Insurance Group, and The Delaware County Women's Republican Club. We couldn't have done it without you!

Thank you to Indiana Arts Commission, Community Foundation of Randolph County, Navient, and Friends of the Muncie Endurathon for providing the funding for our new At-Home Activity Kits which were given to children at the

Ross Community Center and the Boys and Girls Club of Muncie.

Our Children's Health Fair looked a little different this year! Thank you to those who participated in our Virtual Children's Health Fair in 2020. A big thank you to Meridian Health Pediatric Services and the Suzanne Gresham Center for being the presenting sponsor again this year and to the Delaware Blackford Medical Society for their event sponsorship as well.

Thank you to the agencies that provided information and prizes for the Virtual Children's Health Fair: Children's Bureau, Donate Life Indiana, Healthy Families, Indiana Donor Network, Meridian Health Pediatric Services, MuncieBy5, Muncie Fire Department, and Open Door.

did you know? holiday fun facts!

- Benjamin Franklin wanted the turkey to be the national bird, not the eagle.
- Americans eat 46 million turkeys each Thanksgiving.
- In 1836 Alabama became the first state in the US to declare Christmas a legal holiday.
- Oklahoma became the last state to declare Christmas a legal holiday in 1907.
- On Christmas, many families all over the world eat Christmas pudding. It is also called figgy pudding or plum pudding. It is a pudding made with thirteen ingredients to represent Jesus and the Twelve Apostles made with dried and candied fruit.



have a laugh!

1. What is a turkey's favorite dessert?
2. How many elves does it take to change a light bulb?

1. Peach Gobbler!
2. Ten. One to change the light bulb and nine to stand on each other's shoulders!



exhibit spotlight: Big Red Tractor

Put a bridle on the horse's head, gather eggs from the chickens or milk the cow. See how you measure up to the size of various farm animals on the wall chart. Learn about different farm animals.



introducing At-Home Elf Kits!

To bring Amazing Elf Adventure home to you, we will be selling Elf Kits to accompany our online elf hunt!

Kits will include an elf hat, a finger puppet, mini candy canes, a bell, a coloring book, a Christmas craft, and a personalized video message from one of our elves to your child!

Kits will go on sale in mid-November and be available for \$20 per child. Continue to watch our Facebook page and website for more information!



board spotlight: Jenny Smithson

We would like to introduce you to Jenny Smithson. Jenny joined the Muncie Children's Museum Board of Directors in November 2019. Jenny brings a great perspective to the museum from her many years of work in education and with her current position as the Director of Special Education for Muncie Schools and the Delaware Blackford Special Education Cooperative.

Jenny grew up in Syracuse, IN and came to Muncie to attend the Indiana Academy for Science, Mathematics, and Humanities. She attended Ball State University for both undergraduate and masters work. She worked as a teacher for Selma Middle School for 10 years, then took an administrative position with Alexandria Community School Corporation for 11 years before coming to Muncie Schools. Jenny also teaches dance classes at Cornerstone Center for the Arts and loves to sing karaoke!

Jenny has called Muncie home since 1990 and being a board member has given her a way to serve the community. She is mostly excited about the care that goes into the creation of exhibits and the commitment of the staff to the museum's purpose and mission. She feels that early childhood experiences help the brain make new neural connections and create the background knowledge that children use to learn and connect to new knowledge.

She has memories and childhood experiences of attending museums in Chicago and other places she traveled with her family. She says that Delaware County families are so lucky to have this gem right here so close to home.