

Seasonal Exhibits

Riley Children's Health Sports Legends Experience® Opens March 14

The 7.5-acre outdoor sports venue is more than a fun park. It's an interactive athletics wonderland, right here in the heart of sports-loving Central Indiana – complete with basketball, hockey, football, golf, tennis, and much more. Through “my-sized” sports sampling and inclusive, no-fear fun, the Riley Children's Health Sports Legends Experience® encourages a lifelong love of sport in children of all ages and abilities. It's a starting line where little legends-in-training can learn meaningful lessons, begin healthy habits, and make lasting memories with their Home Team—their family and closest friends. It's also a great family interactive area that encourages sports lovers of all ages to participate and get in the game.



WinterFaire Nov. 21, 2026–February 2027

Wrap up 2026 in a magical winter wonderland that is sure to become a new holiday tradition. On opening day, visitors can meet Santa and even participate in Santa's Big Snowball Fight! The festive, carnival-like atmosphere features fun games, hands-on activities, and adorable animal characters, and when families work together to touch all six symbols on the fountain, its frozen plumes will change colors and glow!



Note: This exhibit includes labels in English and Spanish.
Presented by Riley Children's Health



We ignite joy, wonder and curiosity by creating powerful learning experiences for children and adults.

The Children's Museum of Indianapolis is proud to partner with Riley Children's Health, Old National Bank, Ice Miller LLP, and The Heritage Group.

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The Children's Museum Guild's Haunted House Oct. 9–Oct. 31

The nation's oldest continually operated Haunted House celebrates 62 years in 2026. Through dramatic light, sound and color, families will be introduced to creepy characters and suspense mixed with surprise. One of the most unique and appreciated elements of The Children's Museum Guild's Haunted House is that it offers Friendly Hours (for children who scare easily) and Frightening Hours with the lights off (for those who dare to be scared).

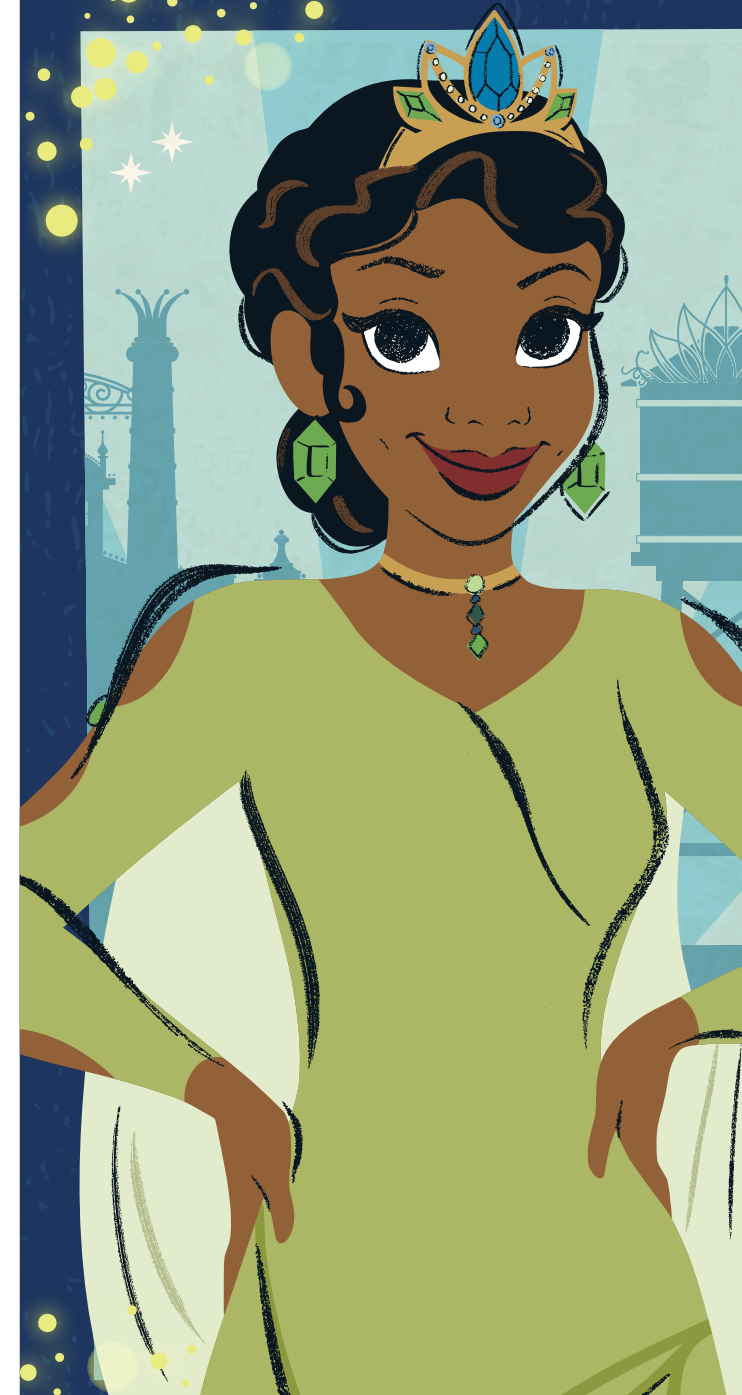
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MARCH 7, 2026–JAN. 3, 2027



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PAW Patrol: Adventure Play Jan. 31–May 25

The heroic PAW Patrol pups are back in action at the world’s largest children’s museum, and they need your help in Adventure Bay! In PAW Patrol: Adventure Play, children and families will join Marshall, Chase, Skye, Rubble, Everest, Rocky, Zuma, and Tracker as they explore unique abilities, overcome challenges, and help friends. Families can lend a helping hand and enjoy a fun-filled, interactive journey of learning and play, enhancing physical, cognitive, and social-emotional skills through immersive hands-on and digital interactives.

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Tiana's Joyful Celebration March 7, 2026–Jan. 3, 2027

Walt Disney Imagineering, in collaboration with The Children’s Museum of Indianapolis, is launching *Tiana’s Joyful Celebration* – the first-ever exhibit inspired by Princess Tiana! *Tiana’s Joyful Celebration* takes visitors on a fun, interactive, and immersive journey that draws inspiration from New Orleans’ music, food, people, and culture. Visitors will learn more about Tiana’s story and how it comes to life through lively light, color, sound, movement, and scent through Mardi Gras season. Everyone must come together and contribute their unique talents – a bit of their special spice – to pull the parade together!

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Tiana’s Joyful Celebration is produced by Walt Disney Imagineering and The Children’s Museum of Indianapolis.

Extreme Sports: Beyond Human Limits Opens June 6

Jump, fly, and climb while exploring some of the most extreme sports in the world! In this exhibit, discover what it takes to maximize one’s potential while diving into the psychology and science behind the thrills and spills of adventure sports, such as ice and rock climbing, parkour, and free diving. Visitors will also learn about the strength and mentality that fuels these athletes’ determination.

Extreme Sports: Beyond Human Limits is developed and produced by Science North, Sudbury, Ontario, Canada in partnership with the Ontario Science Centre.



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All Aboard! Grand Reopening Fall 2026

The Children’s Museum’s fan favorite exhibit, *All Aboard!*, originally opened back in 1998, and is getting a revamped and reimagined makeover in 2026. Don’t worry, the 55-ton, 158-year-old Reuben Wells steam locomotive will still be here; the museum was literally finished around it! The new *All Aboard!* will include fully accessible interactives and experiences for children and families in an updated and whimsical engaging exhibit. Witness a new immersive sound and light show that brings the Reuben Wells to life, play with toy trains together on a large multilevel train table, take a journey in a passenger car, role play as an engineer, conductor, or mechanic, and much more.

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Lilly Theater’s 50th Anniversary



The Children’s Museum’s 350-seat Lilly Theater originally opened back in 1976 with a performance by opera baritone Robert Merrill. It was named for Ruth Allison Lilly, the second wife of Eli Lilly, president and chair of Eli Lilly and Company, whose headquarters are still in Indianapolis.

Celebrating 50 years in 2026, Lilly Theater has a jam-packed lineup – including *Knuffle Bunny* in Spring 2026, based off the books written and illustrated by Mo Willems! In *Knuffle Bunny: A Cautionary Musical*, a trip to the laundromat takes a turn when “somebunny” is left behind. And in Winter 2026, *Princess Adventure* will take the stage as three princesses are surprised when a fourth unorthodox princess (Princess Thena) arrives at their weekly tea party from the newest kingdom in the alliance.

Lilly Theater is dedicated to immersive storytelling and accessible live theater for families – earning multiple awards for its impact on the arts and underscoring the museum’s commitment to arts education.

Shows take place on the Christel DeHaan stage. Activities are made possible in part by the Indy Arts Council, and the City of Indianapolis.

