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LOUISIANA CHILDREN'S MUSEUM

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Gallery Exhibition Facts:

- **Total Gallery Exhibition Area:** 18,000 SF
- **Audience:** Birth to 8 and their caregivers; families, grandparents; school groups; early learning professionals
- **Key Strategy:** Learning through Play

Exhibition Overview

The exhibitions at the new, Louisiana Children's Museum will offer innovative environments, hands-on, interactive experiences, and programs to engage children in active, social, physical and enriched playful learning. The galleries will also provide support for parents, caregivers and educators through resources and activities to extend children's learning and to respond to children's individual interests. The exhibitions have been developed with a place-based perspective and will take advantage of spectacular views of City Park.

Washed in natural light, the new exhibition galleries will invite children and adults to learn

together in a rich atmosphere of opportunities, exploring with all senses and in multiple ways. The goal of the exhibitions is to encourage 21st Century skills such as collaboration, critical thinking, creativity, self-directed inquiry, taking on challenges and making connections. These essential experiences promote a child's sense of competence and confidence, building a strong foundation for lifelong learning.

Exhibits will incorporate children's view of the world, along with documentation to make their learning visible to themselves and their caregivers.

Louisiana Children's Museum's learning areas include early literacy, empathy for the natural world, health and wellbeing, culture, arts and STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math). These areas connect with children's school readiness and help prepare them for success in school.

Exhibition Program – 5 Galleries:

PLAY WITH ME – 2015 SF

Play With Me gallery encourages children three years and younger to actively explore with their senses in a safe, protected environment. The exhibits encourage parents and caregivers to engage with their children, while also providing comfortable places for families to relax together.

Highlights: Sensory Lagoon, Brown Pelican Colored Shadow Play, Booknook inside Cardboard Cypress Trees

FOLLOW THAT FOOD – 3160 SF

Follow That Food takes children and adults on a Louisiana food journey. Following food from fields and coastal waters to table, children pick and sort fruits and vegetables, deliver it from a New Orleans style produce truck, shop and ring up purchases in a grocery store, cook a favorite meal and serve it in a café, smell familiar spices and favorite flavorings, load and hoist beans in a large-scale bean machine.

Highlights: Crawfish Boil, Produce Truck, Grocery Store, and Bean Machine

DIG INTO NATURE – 2260 SF

Dig Into Nature explores the beauty and bounty of Louisiana’s complex coastal ecosystem. Visitors care for bayou animals in the Vet clinic, discover water’s power to shape the land, and engineer structures to create sustainable energy environments. A collection of natural history specimens and objects are also available to examine under a video microscope.

Highlights: Caring & Sharing Station, Babies of the Bayou Vet Clinic, Sedimentation Table,

Wave Tank, and Energy & Engineering in the Delta

Make Your Mark – 4880 SF

Make Your Mark invites children and their caregivers to demonstrate their creativity through music, art, architecture, city planning and STEAM (STEM + ARTS). The ADA compliant Bubble exhibit provides access for visitors to immerse themselves inside a full-body bubble. An oversized chess set features New Orleans soundscapes, activated by each play.

Highlights: Jammin’ House, STEAM & Bubble Studios, and Chess Soundscape

Move With The River – 3210 SF

Follow the Mississippi River through 9 States in this 100’ long, interactive water table. Starting at the River’s head in Itasca, Minnesota, visitors use locks and dams to move boats and barges in Dubuque, manipulate the water system in Memphis, and manage water levels in New Orleans through spillways, pumps and channels. Children will enjoy the thrill of moving water around, experimenting with valves, pipes, and nozzles. At the Port of New Orleans, they load up barges and take the goods up river or out to the rest of the world. Wall dryers are available inside this gallery.

Highlights: 100’ Interactive Water Table, Hilltop Rocks & Springs Tot Spot, Shipping Destinations interactive.