Join us to celebrate 40 years of playful learning!

It’s been 40 years since Discovery Center opened its doors, and we are celebrating with special events including a visit from Daniel Tiger, bubble shows, a member event and more, to social media contests, drawings including free memberships and other prizes! See inside for details.

Forty years ago, Discovery Center Museum was brought to life by an energetic group of people from the Junior League of Rockford and the Rockford Area Arts Council who believed children in Rockford deserved a place that would ignite their curiosity about science through hands-on interactive exhibits - a place to experiment and to explore. At the time, children’s museums and science centers only existed in major cities. This group of innovators was looking to meld the two into a children’s science museum right in the heart of Rockford.

In its first year of operation, we hosted 6,000 students on field trips and housed 20 exhibits, all built by local residents in their garages and basements! It became apparent after the first year that Discovery Center was a hit with children and teachers. In the second year, we opened our doors to the public and attendance grew.

The museum was housed downtown in the old post office building where the Rockford Park District offices are now located. After several years of growing attendance, we knew we needed a bigger, permanent home. In 1991, we moved into our current location, a former Sears building. By 2004, we needed to expand again; but this time we’d add on to our current location. In 2010 we added new classrooms, a new Tot Spot gallery, multipurpose room, outdoor patio and a traveling exhibition hall we shared with Burpee Museum. This effort increased our size by about 1/3.

In the four decades that followed our opening, Discovery Center has served more than 4.5 million people onsite. That number grows to almost 6 million children and families if combined with children and families served through our outreach programs. In addition to the now 300 permanent exhibits, Discovery Center offers home school classes, preschool classes and playgroups, scout workshops and educator workshops. Our educators travel all over the region bringing science outreach programs to schools, libraries, daycares, festivals, and block parties.

The museum has garnered local, state and national recognition and is consistently ranked a top tourist destination in Rockford by Trip Advisor. We’ve earned more than a dozen national rankings over the years.

As we prepare to celebrate the big 4-0, we thank all our members and guests for sustaining us over the years, for sharing your time and family with us, and for making memories with us. The future is bright for Discovery Center - we’re busy planning and creating new exhibits, new programs and new partnerships. We look forward to serving you and your family (or school or scout troop) for years to come!
Help Discovery Center celebrate our 40th birthday!

Fall 2021 marks the 40th anniversary of Discovery Center Museum. We need your help to celebrate! Please send us your photos or short videos of your family enjoying Discovery Center. In addition, we’d love to collect your stories about your kids or grandkids enjoying the museum, how we may have influenced your child’s love of science or career path or how generations of your family are enjoying the museum. You can either email your photos, video and/or stories to AnnMarieW@discoverycentermuseum.org or tag us on our Facebook and hashtag #40yearsofplayfullearning. We may even ask you to take part in video testimonials!

We are on track to serve our 6 millionth visitor later this fall! We hope it will be you! We’ve come a long way in 40 years, and we look forward to the next 40. We look forward to seeing your photos and videos, as well as reading your stories!

New exhibits and upgrades for Fall!

Water Table
Our littlest visitors will be excited to know we are installing a new water table in the Tot Spot gallery! Plans are for new flooring, plumbing, tile walls and the exhibit to be completed the end of September!

Cows to get a makeover
Our beloved cow exhibit will heading to the “spa” this fall. They will be painted and the milking mechanism will be renovated. We are also adding a new interactive video matching game. These changes are being made possible by a grant from Midwest Dairy.

While the cows are away, the pigs will play
During the temporary absence of our cows, pigs will take their place! These portly friends are a gift from the Illinois Pork Producers Association.

New exhibit in Discovery Park

With the support of Thermo Fisher Scientific, Discovery Center unveiled a new exhibit this summer to teach children and families about science – about chemistry – using the most instrumental discovery in the field of chemistry – the Periodic Table of Elements. The new exhibit is a large-scale interactive version of the Periodic Table of Elements. The periodic table is a chart with grid-like arrangements of chemical elements. It outlines the fundamental building blocks of all known matter in the universe.

“We believe a playful introduction to things that make up our world will help spark an early interest in, and curiosity about science,” explains Sarah Wolf, executive director at Discovery Center. This new exhibit, located in the outdoor Discovery Park, provides a new, fun, child-friendly way to learn about the elements. Each element has a colorful block that identifies it. Turn the block around to the flip side, and a simple description of the element is revealed, along with an illustration. The next time you visit Discovery Center, take our Periodic Table for a spin!

Virtual science, art projects and story times for fall fun

Don’t forget to check out our website (DiscoveryCenterMuseum.org/whats-happening/playfullearning) and YouTube channel for fun at-home science activities, art projects, storytimes and more. And follow us on social media for more science ideas, information on upcoming events, and more.

Rent Discovery Center for private playtime

Want to do something special and unique for your family, group or school? Rent Discovery Center and have the exhibits all to yourself! The museum is fun for kids of all ages…those who are young and those who are young at heart. Cost to rent the whole museum is $500 for Members and $550 for the Public for up to 200 guests (subject to change as COVID capacity guidelines evolve). For more information, email us at rentals@discoverycentermuseum.org.
Fall Events

All events included with museum admission unless otherwise noted: $10/Public; free to Members and all children ages one and younger. Advance registration required. Register online at DiscoveryCenterMuseum.org or call 815-963-6769 weekdays. Face coverings required for everyone ages 2 and older.

Saturday, October 9
Bubble Festival
9:00 am, 11:00 am, 1:00 pm, 2:00 pm
Admission: $3 Public; $2 for Members and children ages 1 and younger.
Museum admission extra: $10 Public; Free for Members and children ages 1 and younger.
Visit our website to make reservations.
Bubble-celebrity Ben Jimenez combines art, science and a touch of magic in his live performances. Enjoy Ben’s 30-minute show and afterward pop outside to the Bubble-Palooza Playground (weather permitting) to devise your own brilliant bubbly tricks as you test your soapy skills with bubble art, math, and science activities for the whole family! Shows at 9:00 and 11:00 am are geared toward preschoolers, while the afternoon shows incorporate more science into the content. Sponsored by Viking Chemical Company.

Saturday, October 16
Fast or Slow…Chemistry Makes it Go!
From oodles of fizz and columns of foam to explosions, join us for some crazy chemistry demonstrations to celebrate National Chemistry Week and give you a “feel” for chemical changes. Included with Discovery Center admission.

Saturday, October 23
Be My Neighbor Day
Open 9:30 am - 4:30 pm
Special activities 10:00 am to 3:00 pm; masks required for museum AND outdoor activities.
Free museum and event admission with a suggested donation of cereal or other boxed breakfast foods.
Register in advance on our website for Meet and Greet and museum.
It’s Discovery Center’s 40th anniversary, and we’ve invited some special friends to help us celebrate with a fun filled FREE grr-ific event for kids and families! Two of our favorite PBS KIDS friends - Daniel Tiger and Katerina Kittycat - are coming to Discovery Center. Get your picture taken by a trolley with Daniel and Katerina. Friends from the Rockford Police and Fire Departments will also join us. See inside a real fire truck and police car and learn about the great things firefighters and police officers do to be “helpers” in our community. We’ll be collecting boxed breakfast foods to give to our neighbors at the Rock River Food Pantry. Please arrive during your reservation window. This event and museum are FREE, but reservations are required. We can’t wait to see you!
Register for an arrival time on our website. Arrival times are 9:30 am, 10:30 am, 11:30 am, 12:30 pm, 1:30 pm and 2:30 pm. This event is supported by PNC Grow Up Great and WTTW.

Friday, October 29
Spooky Science
9:30 am-Noon; 1-4:00 pm; 6-9:00 pm
Come in costume for this not-so-scary day of Halloween high-jinks at Discovery Center! Launch monsters through the air, concoct gooey glowing slime, create creepy crafts and engage in astonishing science activities that look like mystifying magic! It will be skele-tons of fun! Sponsored by Nicor, Viking Chemical Company, Midland Wealth Management and Thermo Fisher Scientific.

Sunday, November 7
Smashing Pumpkins
Museum sessions: 9:30 am - Noon and 1-4:00 pm
Outdoor activities from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm
Bring your jack-o-lantern for smashing good time at Discovery Center. Explore ways to crack, smash or pitch your pumpkin using Newton’s Laws of Motion and simple machines. Used jack-o-lanterns will become parking lot projectiles! When the launching ends, pumpkin pieces will be collected and fed to local livestock. For extra fun, build your own tiny catapult, concoct fall crafts and create a pumpkin pegboard. Everybody wins as we celebrate the harvest with a smashing good time! Dress for the weather since we’ll be outside. Sponsored by Northwest Bank, Nicor and Thermo Fisher Scientific.

Special holiday hours
In addition to our regular hours of Wednesday-Sunday 9:30-Noon and 1-4:00 pm, we will be open:
December 20-23
December 26-January 2
We will be closed Dec. 24-25.

All events sponsored in part by:

I llinois Arts Council Agency
**Tot Spot Classes**

**Cost:** $12 public/ $10 members (per child, per class). Preregistration required; payment must accompany registration.

In our classes for 2-year-olds, children must be accompanied by an adult. At this time, we are limiting the number of people in the room for Tot Spot classes (ages 3 – 6) so parents are requested to wait outside and not accompany their child into the Tot Spot classroom.

**Registration:** Register online at www.discoverycentermuseum.org/education/classes, call (815) 963-6769, or drop by Discovery Center Museum office during normal business hours. Cancellation policy: Refunds are available through the close of business hours. Cancellation fee: minus 10%. Discovery Center reserves the right to cancel events; in which case, a full refund will be issued.

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**Construction Zone**

Get down to the nuts and bolts of building. Dig in and learn about construction—the trucks and people who build things! Nail down an art project and cement the day with engineering stories!

**Sessions for 3- to 6-year-olds:**
- Session 1 Tues., Sept. 21; 9:30 – 10:30 am
- Session 2 Wed., Sept. 22; 11:00 am – Noon
- Session 3 Wed., Sept. 22; 1:00 – 2:00 pm
- Session 4 Thurs., Sept. 23; 9:30 – 10:30 am
- Session 5 Fri., Sept. 24; 11:00 am – Noon

**Sessions for 2-year-olds:**
- With an adult, NO siblings, please.
- Session 8 Tues., Sept. 21; 9:30 – 10:30 am
- Session 9 Thurs., Sept. 23; 9:30 – 10:30 am
- Session 10 Fri., Sept. 24; 9:30 – 10:30 am

**Make a Mess**

Let’s get messy! Come make a mess with us and learn through the messy process of making as we splatter paint, build in shaving cream, and spin around to create new colors.

**Sessions for 3- to 6-year-olds:**
- Session 1 Tues., Oct. 5; 11:00 am – Noon
- Session 2 Wed., Oct. 6; 9:30 – 10:30 am
- Session 3 Wed., Oct. 6; 1:00 – 2:00 pm
- Session 5 Thurs., Oct. 7; 9:30 – 10:30 am
- Session 6 Fri., Oct. 8; 11:00 am – Noon

**Sessions for 2-year-olds:**
- With an adult, NO siblings, please.
- Session 7 Tues., Oct. 5; 9:30 – 10:30 am
- Session 8 Thurs., Oct. 7; 9:30 – 10:30 am
- Session 9 Fri., Oct. 8; 9:30 – 10:30 am

**Daniel Tiger’s Neighborhood**

It’s a beautiful day in our neighborhood! Join us as we learn about kindness with Daniel Tiger’s Neighborhood themed activities and pretend play areas. Join us for a gr-r-r-rific time!

**Sessions for 3- to 6-year-olds:**
- Session 1 Tues., Oct. 19; 11:00 am – Noon
- Session 2 Wed., Oct. 20; 9:30 – 10:30 am
- Session 3 Wed., Oct. 20; 11:00 am – Noon
- Session 4 Wed., Oct. 20; 1:00 – 2:00 pm
- Session 5 Thurs., Oct. 21; 9:30 – 10:30 am
- Session 6 Fri., Oct. 22; 9:30 – 10:30 am

**Sessions for 2-year-olds:**
- With an adult, NO siblings, please.
- Session 7 Tues., Oct. 19; 9:30 – 10:30 am
- Session 8 Thurs., Oct. 21; 9:30 – 10:30 am
- Session 9 Fri., Oct. 22; 9:30 – 10:30 am

**Monster Mash**

Stomp your feet, roar your loudest roars, and swing your tails around as we explore not-so-scary monsters! Move around like a monster, read monster stories, and create your own monster.

**Sessions for 3- to 6-year-olds:**
- Session 1 Tues., Nov. 2; 11:00 am – Noon
- Session 2 Wed., Nov. 3; 9:30 – 10:30 am
- Session 3 Wed., Nov. 3; 11:00 am – Noon
- Session 4 Wed., Nov. 3; 1:00 – 2:00 pm
- Session 5 Thurs., Nov. 4; 9:30 – 10:30 am
- Session 6 Fri., Nov. 5; 11:00 am – Noon
- Session 7 Sat., Nov. 6; 9:30 – 10:30 pm

**Sessions for 2-year-olds:**
- With an adult, NO siblings, please.
- Session 8 Tues., Nov. 2; 9:30 – 10:30 am
- Session 9 Thurs., Nov. 4; 9:30 – 10:30 am
- Session 10 Fri., Nov. 5; 9:30 – 10:30 am

**Blast Off!**

3, 2, 1, BLAST OFF! Fly in to explore outer space, our solar system, and what it’s like to be an astronaut. Create a rocket, learn about moon craters, and paint a nebula to journey home with you.

**Sessions for 3- to 6-year-olds:**
- Session 1 Tues., Nov. 16; 11:00 am – Noon
- Session 2 Wed., Nov. 17; 9:30 – 10:30 am
- Session 3 Wed., Nov. 17; 11:00 am – Noon
- Session 4 Wed., Nov. 17; 1:00 – 2:00 pm
- Session 5 Thurs., Nov. 18; 11:00 am – Noon
- Session 6 Fri., Nov. 19; 9:30 – 10:30 am
- Session 7 Sat., Nov. 20; 9:30 – 10:30 am

**Sessions for 2-year-olds:**
- With an adult, NO siblings, please.
- Session 8 Tues., Nov. 16; 9:30 – 10:30 am
- Session 9 Thurs., Nov. 17; 9:30 – 10:30 am
- Session 10 Fri., Nov. 18; 9:30 – 10:30 am

**Crazy Colors**

Colors are all around us and can blend together to make new colors! Explore how red, yellow, and blue can mix it up through science experiments, messy (and not so messy) painting, and colorful stories. What colors will you discover?

**Sessions for 3- to 6-year-olds:**
- Session 1 Tues., Nov. 30; 9:30 – 10:30 am
- Session 2 Wed., Dec. 1; 9:30 – 10:30 am
- Session 3 Wed., Dec. 1; 11:00 am – Noon
- Session 4 Wed., Dec. 1; 1:00 – 2:00 pm
- Session 5 Thurs., Dec. 2; 11:00 am – Noon
- Session 6 Fri., Dec. 3; 9:30 – 10:30 am
- Session 7 Sat., Dec. 4; 9:30 – 10:30 am

**Sessions for 2-year-olds:**
- With an adult, NO siblings, please.
- Session 8 Tues., Nov. 30; 9:30 – 10:30 am
- Session 9 Thurs., Dec. 2; 9:30 – 10:30 am
- Session 10 Fri., Dec. 3; 9:30 – 10:30 am

**Party Time**

It’s party time! Let’s get ready to have a celebration by making instruments, creating crowns, and making party decorations. Finish off by having the best party of all: a silly dance party!

**Sessions for 3- to 6-year-olds:**
- Session 1 Tues., Dec. 14; 11:00 am – Noon
- Session 2 Wed., Dec. 15; 9:30 – 10:30 am
- Session 3 Wed., Dec. 15; 11:00 am – Noon
- Session 4 Wed., Dec. 15; 1:00 – 2:00 pm
- Session 5 Thurs., Dec. 16; 11:00 am – Noon
- Session 6 Fri., Dec. 17; 11:00 am – Noon
- Session 7 Sat., Dec. 18; 9:30 – 10:30 am

**Sessions for 2-year-olds:**
- With an adult, NO siblings, please.
- Session 8 Tues., Dec. 14; 9:30 – 10:30 am
- Session 9 Thurs., Dec. 16; 9:30 – 10:30 am
- Session 10 Fri., Dec. 17; 9:30 – 10:30 am

**Toddler Time**

Being one is FUN! Take advantage of this group designed for children ages 12 months to 24 months as we sing songs, read stories and explore interesting materials while meeting new friends! Toddler Time is held from 9:30 – 10:30 am this fall/winter on one Tuesday and Thursday each month. Choose from these dates: Oct. 12, Oct. 14, Nov. 9, Nov. 11, Dec. 7, and Dec. 9. Enrollment is limited to 6 families. The class costs $6.00 per child for members and $8.00 child for a public, and advance registration is required. To register, follow the link under education or call 815-963-6769. Toddler Time meets in the Tot Spot classroom (main floor, east end of the building).

**COVID-19 Protocols:** In accordance with state and local health guidelines, all children, guardians and staff will be required to wear face coverings (over nose and mouth). Exceptions can be made for people with medical conditions or disabilities that prevent them from safely covering their nose and mouth.
Home School / Enrichment Classes

Ages: 7 and older

Dates/Times: Choose a date that works for you! Tuesday or Thursday from 10:00 am - 11:30 am

Cost: $11 Members / $13 Non-members per child per class. Advance registration required. Payment must accompany registration. Registration deadline for classes is the Monday prior to the week of class. Register for classes on our website or by calling 815-963-6769.

COVID-19 Protocols: In accordance with state and local health guidelines, all students and staff will be required to wear face coverings (over nose and mouth). Exceptions can be made for people with medical conditions or disabilities that prevent them from safely covering their nose and mouth.

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September 21 or 23
Rising Architects
How big can you build it? Test the tricks that engineers use to build super tall buildings! Build towers to see which shapes are the most stable, and build the tallest tower that you are able. Once constructed, test your building against the forces of gravity, weather, and erosion.

October 5 or 7
Organs and Entrails
Have you ever wondered what the inside of your intestines looks like? If so, this is the class for you! Join us as we explore the insides of the human body and get a hands-on look at how they function. Animal dissection will be included. This class is not recommended for the squeamish!

October 19 or 21
Spooky Chemistry
Fires burn and test tubes bubble, do some science and make it double! Conduct chemistry experiments and learn about amazing chemical changes. Have some spooky fun with ooze and slime.

November 2 or 4
Monster Science
Werewolves, zombies, and dragons, oh my! Join us as we learn how a dragon might breathe fire and how parasites turn their hosts into zombies. You’ll even design your own crazy creature. A perfect blend of fact and fiction, bring your imagination and thinking caps to this monster of a class!

November 16 or 18
Mission to the Moon
We’ve got space on the brain! So does NASA, who plans to return to the moon in the next few years. Join us as we explore the Lunar surface, find the perfect location for our lunar rover, and complete our lunar mission. Learn about NASA’s Artemis mission and the new tech that they will be bringing to the moon.

November 30 or December 2
Discovery Center Detectives
It’s a Discovery Center “WhoDunIt”! Join us as we practice methods to track footprints, lift fingerprints off of glasses, and search for clues in this Discovery Center style mystery.

December 14 or 16
Kooky Coding
Welcome all future programmers! Join us for an introduction to the world of coding! See your work come to life by coding robots with drag and drop coding. Learn where you can program your own games or animations at home and get a taste of some coding challenges.
Volunteer Opportunities for Teens

Are you 13 to 17 years old and looking for something fun to do this fall? Do you need service hours for school, scouts or clubs? Do you like working with children and want to give back to your community? If you answered yes to any of these questions then consider becoming a Y.E.S. (Youth Experiencing Science) volunteer! This program provides opportunities to assist with activities and interact with museum visitors. Here are just a few things you may be asked to do as a volunteer at the museum ... helping families do art projects in the Art Studio, running a station at a special event, playing with children in the museum, and assisting with keeping the museum clean and tidy! To learn more go to our website and fill out a volunteer application today!

Summer interns provide great support!

Thanks to support from Bergstrom, Inc., Discovery Center was fortunate to hire four local youth to be interns this summer. These recent high school graduates helped plan, prepare and execute our Family Fridays. They also assisted in our Art Studio and special activities in our outdoor Discovery Park. Our sincere thanks to Lindsay Arreguin, Chloe Holmes, Kaylee Runte, and Brendon Wang.

In addition to these four individuals, we were fortunate to have two college interns this summer. Krystanna Joseph worked in our marketing department as graphic designer, and Maria Smith assisted our education department as a summer camps assistant.

All the interns did a fantastic job and we are grateful for their enthusiasm and hard work this past summer. We wish them much success in their future endeavors!

Special Fun for Everyone Bubble Show

Children with developmental differences and their immediate families are invited to experience Ben’s Bubble Show free of charge. Join us from 10-10:45 am on Saturday, October 9. Following the show, guests are invited to enjoy outdoor bubble activities (weather permitting).

Advance registration is required. To receive free admission, contact Amanda Gray-Orlando at amandago@discoverycentermuseum.org.

Sponsored by:

Scout opportunities

COVID is making it difficult for scout leaders to plan programs and help youth fulfill badge requirements. Discovery Center is here to help! We are offering both onsite and virtual program options. Simply email our scout coordinator to learn about the many options available at LeeanG@discoverycentermuseum.org

Thank you corporate volunteers

This summer Discovery Center received an infusion of energy thanks to volunteers from several local organizations including Target, Thermo Fisher Scientific and Rockford University.

If you, your child, your company or your school would like to volunteer, contact Volunteer Coordinator Amanda Gray-Orlando at AmandaGO@discoverycentermuseum.org for more information.

In Remembrance

Remembering Staff

Discovery Center recently lost two outstanding former employees. Gloria Svanda was our Early Childhood Education Coordinator from 2003-2014 and Ryan Foster worked as a Discovery Guide and After School Program Coordinator from 2017 to 2020. Both Gloria and Ryan were loved and admired by staff, museum members, and students. They contributed to the success of Discovery Center and touched many lives through their kindness, hard work and dedication to exciting children about science.

Remembering a Friend

This summer, Discovery Center lost one of our long-time supporters, Tressa Anderson. As we celebrate our 40th anniversary, we reflect on Tressa’s integral role in the creation of Discovery Center.

As a member of our founding committee, she helped to create the vision for our museum. Once we incorporated, Tressa served as Discovery Center’s first President of the Board of Directors. She spent countless hours serving in that role – ensuring an upward trajectory for the museum and paving the way for our long-term success.

Not only did Tressa support Discovery Center, she was generous with her time and talents and contributed so much to many nonprofits in the Rockford community.

Tressa’s legacy is seen every day in the smiles of each young visitor at Discovery Center. She will be missed.
**INFORMATION:**

**Fall Hours**

Wednesday-Sunday: 9:30 am-Noon and 1-4:00 pm

Advance online or phone registration required.

**Admission**

Adult/Child: $10  
Children age 1 and younger and Members: FREE!

**Contact Us**

Phone: (815) 963-6769  
Website: discoverycentermuseum.org

**Membership**

CLIMB SuperPass: $190/year  
Family SuperPass: $135/year  
Family Membership: $100/year; $190/2 years  
Grandparent Membership: $100/year; $190/2 years  
Caregiver Membership: $30/year

**Group Rates**

Discounted group rates are available for tours, classes, museum rentals, and birthday parties. Reservations required.

**Our Mission**

Create opportunities for playful learning and discovery through hands-on experiences in the sciences and arts.

**Staff**

Sarah Wolf ........................................... Executive Director  
Tori Davidson ...................................... Education Specialist  
Chase Fischer ...................................... Education Specialist  
Lee Ann Gill ........................................... Education Specialist/Scout Coordinator  
Amanda Gray-Orlando ................................ Volunteer & Special Projects Coordinator  
Kyler Hartje ........................................... Exhibits Technician/Planetarium Technician  
Michele Larson ...................................... Gift Shop Manager/Birthday Party Coordinator  
Renee Linstead ...................................... Administrative Assistant  
Cheryl Maggio ...................................... Accountant  
Lana Paris ........................................... Development Director  
Bruce Quast ......................................... Exhibits Director  
Mike Rathburn ...................................... Associate Director  
Andrea Vesecky ..................................... Early Childhood Educator  
Ann Marie Walker ................................... Marketing Director  
Jessica Williams .................................... Education Specialist

**COVID Policies**

Advance registration required. All guests ages 2 and older are required to wear cloth or disposable masks over their mouth and nose while inside the museum regardless of vaccination status for the health and safety of all the unvaccinated children in the museum.

**Summer Snapshots**

- Teachers experiment with making electricity during teacher workshops.
- Posing for a quick pic during Superheroes & Princesses Family Fun Day.
- Space Summer Camp Students posing in their “astronaut suits.”
- Fun in the Dinosaur Dig Pit
- It’s serious work creating a Mars habitat in summer camp!
Saturday, October 2
40th Anniversary Member Event
5:30-7:30 pm
FREE to Members
Help us celebrate Discovery Center’s 40th anniversary! Make a splash in our new Tot Spot Water Play table, sign our giant cupcake, and enjoy a special science demonstration. Register online at https://bit.ly/DCMemberEvent or call 815-963-6769.

Gift Shop Specials
In celebration of our 40th anniversary, Discovery Center is offering 40% off all books October 9 and 10, and 40% off anything with our logo or name on it October 29-31! Start your holiday shopping early with these great sales!