Region 5
Children’s Museum

Hands-on learning experiences for children and families in culture, art, and heritage to preserve Minnesota’s legacy for future generations.
Region 5
Population 168,000
School aged 125,000
Tourism population 300,000

The Region 5 Children’s Museum and its partners envision a more vibrant and connection region to ensure all children enjoy positive learning experiences while embracing our regional legacy and heritage.
Partners

Board

- Paul Drange
  Director of Regional Programs, Sourcewell

- Cheryl Hills
  Executive Director, Region Five Development Commission

- Matt Kilian
  President, Brainerd Lakes Chamber of Commerce

- Quinn Swanson
  Executive Director, Happy Dancing Turtle

- Shannon Wheeler
  Early Childhood Coordinator, Pequot Lakes Public Schools

- Peter Olson
  Museum Project Director, Region 5 Children’s Museum

Planning Committee

- Kevin Donnay
  Widseth, Smith, and Nolting

- Nate Grotzke
  Close-Converse

- Sheila Haverkamp
  Brainerd Lakes Economic Development

- Staci Hedley
  Region Five Development Commission

- Chris Lindstrom
  Pequot Lakes Schools

- Megan Rehbein
  Brainerd Lakes Economic Development
2015
Regional service cooperative initiates region-wide children’s museum discussion

2016
Planning committee creation, convening regional leaders

2017
Community outreach and engagement, listening sessions

2018
Site selection and master planning and exhibit predesign

2019
Funding secured for ongoing operational expenses
The museum brings together the region’s children and families in shared experiences that are grounded locally and open onto the wider world. Dynamic, material-rich environments, exhibits, events, and programs engage children in the joy of play and the wonder of learning.
Museum
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Education

Exhibits & environments that connect children and families to the rich arts, culture, and heritage of Minnesota.

- Exhibits and environments
- Parent & Caregiver Resource Hub
- Teachers’ Center for Interactive Learning
- Programs and events
- Interactive mobile design
Exhibits

Exhibits and environments that connect children and families to the rich arts, culture, and heritage of Minnesota.

• At the Lake
• From the Garden
• Into the Woods
• On the Road
• Open for Possibilities
• In the Greater Outdoors
Education

New and unique opportunities of exploration are paramount to the museum’s interpretation of learning.

- **Consider** Ask questions; gather more precise information; reason; link actions and effects; work out possible solutions; draw conclusions.

- **Collaborate** Assume roles; seek and share resources; take turns; agree to a goal; use others’ suggestions; help others.

- **Communicate** Listen; share ideas; give feedback; discuss; make a suggestion; tell a story; explain how something works.

- **Create** Imagine; generate ideas; explore all approaches; make unusual connections; use materials in new ways; apply new and old information to new situations.
Future

- 2019
  Regional service cooperative commits future funding guaranteeing students of 21 school districts museum access

- 2019
  Site selection completion and construction, exhibit construction and educational content design

- 2020/2021
  Exhibit installation, opening
Request

To protect, enhance, and restore wetlands, prairies, forests, and fish, game, and wildlife habitat; to preserve arts and cultural heritage; to support parks and trails; and to protect, enhance, and restore lakes, rivers, streams, and groundwater.

Fiscal Year 2019-2020 $340,000 ($170,000 each year)

A first-time biennial investment supports new museum exhibit design and installation, and programming and educational opportunities to greater Minnesota youth.

- Exhibit development and design
- Permanent exhibit fabrication, installation
- Innovative hands-on programming
- Regional outreach and engagement
- Community and educational access to museums learning platforms
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