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## **Museum to close State Street location Jan. 3**

*Play one last time at Winter Wonder Week, other special events*

MADISON, Wis. (December 18, 2009) — Madison Children's Museum will soon say farewell to its State Street location early next month to prepare for the move into its new, permanent home at 100 N. Hamilton Street — but not before an assortment of fun events to cap its 18-year run on Madison's favorite downtown thoroughfare.

To keep youngsters busy during winter break, the museum will host a variety of drop-in programs for Winter Wonder Week, sponsored by The Great Dane Pub & Brewing Co., from Monday, Dec. 28, through Thursday, Dec. 31.

Kick off festivities with "Penguin Fun" on Monday, Dec. 28, from 11 a.m. to noon. After learning about the type of climate in which these tuxedoed critters survive, children will craft their own penguin using recycled materials. From 2 to 3 p.m. later that day, kids can investigate how animals stay warm during cold winter months by participating in wacky "Animal Insulation" experiments.

Enjoying the holiday season? Stop by on Tuesday, Dec. 29, to learn about winter holidays and traditions from around the world. Afternoon activities include the reading of Ezra Jack Keats' classic story "The Snowy Day," from 2 to 2:30 and 2:30 to 3 p.m.

Help us bring winter indoors with an exploration of snow-covered Wisconsin on Wednesday, Dec. 30, from 11 a.m. to noon and 2 to 3 p.m. Begin the day with an "Animal Tracks" lesson, in which kids will identify what types of animals leave different footprints in the snow. After playing sleuth, stick around for "Winter Landscapes" to design beautiful Wisconsin sceneries using a variety of art materials.

Craft activities on Thursday, Dec. 31, include the creation of snow globes made with baby food jars from 11 a.m. to noon, and snow and ice construction from 2 to 3 p.m.

All programs are free with the price of admission, which is \$5 for adults and children, \$4 for seniors and 25 cents for qualifying families. Children under age 1 always get in free.

On New Year's Eve from 6 to 9 p.m., the museum will serve as a site for the family-friendly U.S. Bank Eve. Decorate a bottle cap for our Bottle Cap Mosaic project, have your face painted, play with your favorite exhibits or enjoy the work of strolling magician Tom Krzystof. Visit [usbankeve.usbank.com](http://usbankeve.usbank.com) for details on admission costs and participating venues.

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Although the museum will be closed on New Year's Day, it will be open on Saturday, Jan. 2, when there will be a Recycled Art drop-in program from 1 to 3 p.m. Kids can create a masterpiece out of used objects.

The museum's last day on State Street will be Sunday, Jan. 3, which is a Free Family Sunday, sponsored by TDS Telecom. Hours that day are noon to 5 p.m. Prior to opening that day, museum members are invited to a Members-Only Breakfast Farewell from 10 a.m. to noon. There will be face painting, an opportunity to make an object to include in the museum's time capsule, and refreshments from MyMenu. Registration is required for the breakfast; e-mail [mglynn@madisonchildrensmuseum.org](mailto:mglynn@madisonchildrensmuseum.org) or call 608.256.6445, ext. 18.

Madison Children's Museum will close its doors on Jan. 4 in order to prepare for our move into our new facility down the Capitol Square. The museum is scheduled to reopen in mid-August, with plenty of new, exciting exhibits along with some favorites from the State Street location. **While we are closed, please visit our Web site for MCM Road Show events, which are scheduled from late January through the end of May at various locations in south central Wisconsin.** The Road Show is sponsored by Target.

**Madison Children's Museum:** Madison Children's Museum (MCM) is an award-winning organization which fosters family and community connections, and provides a place where every child can learn through play in an interactive environment. MCM's hands-on exhibits and programs celebrate and encourage children's imaginations and the power of play as the cornerstone of learning. For more information about the museum, please visit [www.MadisonChildrensMuseum.org](http://www.MadisonChildrensMuseum.org).

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