

KENOSHA PUBLIC MUSEUMS

EDUCATIONAL  
PROGRAMS AND  
SERVICES GUIDE

**Welcome Educators to another school year! The Kenosha Public Museums are ready to welcome you and your students to the Kenosha Public Museum, the Dinosaur Discovery Museum and the Civil War Museum with a wide variety of educational experiences to enhance and enliven your classroom curriculum.**

**Museum programs emphasize the Common Core Standards use of original sources, exploration of multiple perspectives and inquiry-based learning. Holding a real dinosaur fossil, feeling the softness of an animal pelt, seeing actual slave shackles, and feeling the weight of an Ice Age mammoth tooth are experiences that aren't possible through print or digital media. These hands-on experiences under the guidance of the Museums' staff and volunteers introduce new vocabulary and inspire students to ask questions, to solve problems, and to put themselves into the shoes of a scientist, anthropologist or historian.**

**We look forward to your visit to the Kenosha Public Museums and bringing learning to life!**

# BOOKING A TOUR

The Kenosha Public Museums offer a variety of program options for various age groups. Choose from one of our predesigned programs or work with one of our Curators of Education to build an experience that fits your classroom's needs.

## GROUP FEES

All groups of 10 or more (including students, teachers and chaperones) are required to give the Museum advance notice of their visit.

### SELF-GUIDED PROGRAM GROUPS

Students/Chaperones.....\$3/person\*

### GUIDED PROGRAM GROUPS

Students/Chaperones .....\$5/person\*

*\*-special pricing available to groups from KUSD*

Civil War Museum Theatre Program.....\$250, under 45 people  
.....\$6 per person, over 45 people

Payment is due two weeks prior to your scheduled visit. We accept Visa, MasterCard, Discover, cash, or checks payable to the Kenosha Public Museums. Any group that books two or more days is required to pay a nonrefundable 50% down payment in order to guarantee the reservation. School groups not pre-registered will be invoiced for group fees.

# KENOSHA PUBLIC MUSEUM

The Kenosha Public Museum is a natural science, anthropology and fine and decorative arts museum with a collection of more than 80,000 pieces from around the world and throughout time.

Exhibits include mammoths, world cultures, zoology, geology, fossils, as well as fine and decorative arts.

## PEOPLE OF THE WOODLANDS

2nd-4th grade (60 minutes)

Meet the Potawatomi who lived in Southeast Wisconsin in 1830. Learn how they used plants and animals for food, clothing, and shelter. Compare how their way of life differed from season to season.

Program includes hands-on activity in the classroom and a tour of the exhibit.



## STORIES WRITTEN IN STONE

2nd-5th grade (60 minutes)

What is a fossil? How are fossils formed? What can fossils tell us about plants and animals that lived in the past? Explore the answers to these questions through hands-on activities and a tour of the exhibits.



## WISCONSIN WILDLIFE

PreK-3rd Grade (60 minutes)

Animals with fur, feathers, scales and slimy skin live in forests; in and around lakes, ponds, rivers and streams; and the grasslands of Wisconsin. They also live in our own backyards and parks! Discover what animals live all around us, what they eat, and what adaptations they have for living in their habitats. This program includes hands-on time with real animal pelts.



## ADD TIME IN THE FIELD STATION TO ANY TOUR

Preschool-3rd Grade (30 minutes)

Groups can reserve the Field Station for 30 minutes Tuesday through Friday mornings. The Field Station is the Museum's hands-on discovery room. Adults and students explore the drawers and activities together.



*"This is the best museum I have been to in my whole life!"*

*-Kindergarten student*

*"It was wonderful to see the students excited and learning about so many different ideas on what they thought was just a day off from school."*

*-Teacher from Waukegan, IL*



# DINOSAUR DISCOVERY MUSEUM

The Dinosaur Discovery Museum features the nation's largest display of meat-eating theropod dinosaurs and focuses on the evolution of theropods into modern birds.

It is also home to the Carthage Institute of Paleontology located on the lower level of the Museum. The Institute collects and studies dinosaur specimens which are stored at the Museum and on display for visitors.

## HIGHLIGHT TOUR

### Kindergarten-Adult (60 minutes)

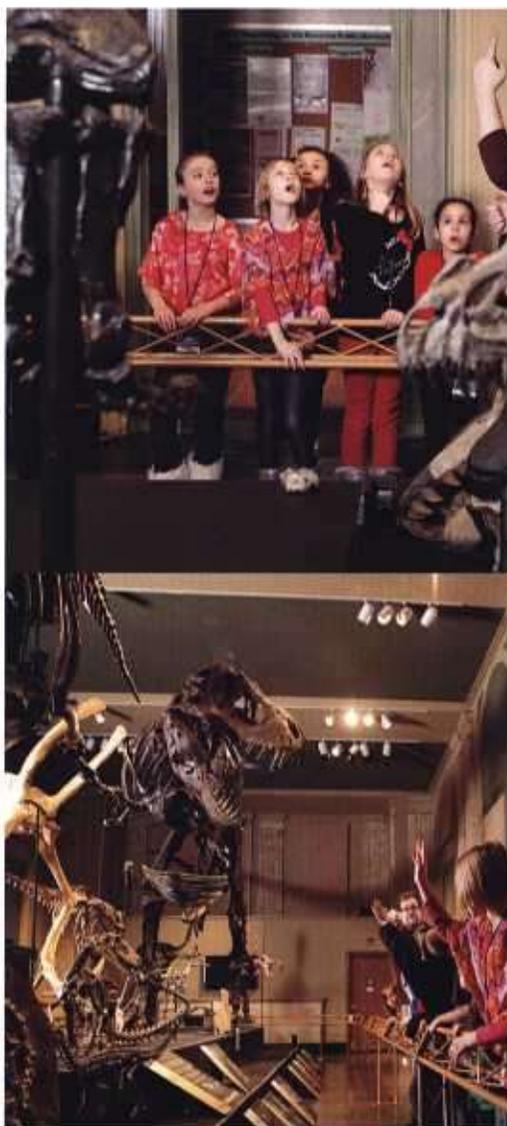
Museum staff or volunteers escort your group on a guided tour through the Dinosaur Discovery Museum's exhibit gallery. The tour also includes a discussion of the Carthage Institute of Paleontology on the lower level. Find out what dinosaurs are, when they lived, and how paleontologists know they existed. Learn about the fascinating meat-eating dinosaurs, the theropods, and how they evolved over time to become avian dinosaurs, otherwise known as birds! The tour is adapted to the group's age-level and includes an age-appropriate activity if time permits.

*"They kept the girls engaged with questions and suppositions and surprised us all sometimes with the actual facts. Even the adults learned something!"*

*-Troop Leader 3032*

*"We got to touch dino poop! Ewww!"*

*-Kenosha student*



## DISCOVERING DINOSAURS

**Kindergarten-2nd Grade (60 minutes)**

Explore the science of paleontology. Discover how paleontologists work together to find and study dinosaur fossil bones. Learn about their tools and methods of discovery. Learn about the dinosaur's closest living relatives--modern birds. This program includes a discussion of the paleontology lab on the Museum's lower level and a tour of the exhibit gallery.

## DINO TOTS

**Preschool, 3-5 years old (30 minutes)**

Dino Tots is a tour created specifically for preschoolers to give them a simplified introduction to dinosaurs. They learn what dinosaurs were, how we know they existed, what they ate, and how big or small they were. Touch real fossils, see replica dinosaur teeth and measure the length of dinosaurs.



**ADD DINO DIGS TO ANY TOUR  
(30 minutes)**

Students learn about dinosaur excavation, the tools of a paleontologist and then participate in a simulated dig! Group will be split up and work on a rotation between the dig and an activity.

**Add \$1 per student**

# CIVIL WAR MUSEUM

The Civil War Museum focuses on the role of seven Midwestern states: Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa, Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, and Ohio, and tells the personal stories of the men, women and children before, during and after the Civil War.

The Museum interprets artifacts relating to the social, economic and cultural experiences of the people of the Upper Midwest as affected by the Civil War.



## KING COTTON AND THE UNDERGROUND RAILROAD

**4th and 5th Grades (90 minutes)**

This classroom-based program allows students to examine the roots of the Civil War with particular attention to a slave's life and their means of escape. Students learn about slavery and the Southern economy in general in this interactive program. Enhance your learning experience by adding a Theatre Program to your activities.



## MIDWEST IN THE CIVIL WAR

**8th and 9th Grades (2 hours)**

Using "The Fiery Trial" exhibit as the classroom, students see what Midwesterners thought were the causes of the Civil War, what motivated different groups to enlist in the army, and how the Civil War affected the Midwest. The structure of the tour contains both guided and self-exploration elements.

History comes alive when students interact with professional actors portraying historical figures. These characters create memorable experiences for students by showing them how the Civil War affected everyday people. Enhance your learning experience by adding a Theatre Program to your activities.



### **Cordelia Harvey - The Wisconsin Angel**

*(1824-1895), Wisconsin's Representative in the Western Sanitary Commission*

During the Civil War, Cordelia Harvey was known as the "Wisconsin Angel" because of the support she gave wounded and sick soldiers. Through perseverance and determination, she was able to convince President Lincoln to establish hospitals in the North when he initially opposed the idea.



### **James P. Sullivan - "Mickey" of Company K**

*(1843-1906) Soldier in the 6th WI Infantry*

James P. Sullivan was a member of the hard fighting Iron Brigade. He served throughout the war, was wounded three times, and almost captured at the Battle of Gettysburg. His extraordinary story reflects some of the characteristics of a soldier's life.



### **William Herndon - The Man Who Knew Lincoln**

*(1818-1891), Abraham Lincoln's Law Partner before the Civil War*

Through William Herndon, students hear many stories about a young Abraham Lincoln, as he reminisces about gathering stories from Lincoln's childhood for a biography he plans to write.



### **Carolyn Quarlls - My Independence Day**

*(1826-?), Escaped slave traveling through Wisconsin and Illinois*

Learn about Caroline Quarlls' escape out of slavery. Hear her story about why she ran away, how she escaped, and how she gradually started to exercise her new-found freedoms.

## Bring the Museums to life in the classroom!

The Kenosha Public Museums provide flexible options to support educators in their mission. That's why we offer a variety of programs for you to take advantage of OUTSIDE the Museums! Whether it's one of our Outreach Programs led by Museum staff and volunteers or utilizing our amazing Educational Loan Collection, we aim to help you bring the highest quality of learning to your students!

Outreach programs are available for schools within an hour driving distance from the Museums. The programs follow the **GUIDED PROGRAMS** pricing listed on the second page of this guide. One month advance booking notice is required for all outreach programs.



### EDUCATIONAL LOAN RESOURCES

The Kenosha Public Museums' Educational Loan Collection has over 700 videos, DVDs, posters, maps, art reproductions, specimens, and Discovery Boxes with hands-on objects. These items may be checked out by educators, Scout leaders, and home-schoolers for two weeks at no cost. Check out all this Collection has to offer by stopping in the Kenosha Public Museum or going to [kenoshapublicmuseum.org](http://kenoshapublicmuseum.org) to view our online catalog!

## KENOSHA PUBLIC MUSEUM OUTREACH

### Wisconsin Wildlife

*recommended for K-3rd grade*

Discover what animals live all around us, what they eat, and what adaptations they have for living in their habitats. This program includes hands-on time with real animal pelts.



## DINOSAUR DISCOVERY MUSEUM OUTREACH



### What is a Dinosaur?

*recommended for K-4th grade*

This program explores what it means to be a “dinosaur” and gives students hands-on experience with real fossils!

### The Life of a Paleontologist

*recommended for 2nd-4th grades*

We’ve all probably heard that word before, but what does it actually mean to be a paleontologist?

## CIVIL WAR MUSEUM OUTREACH

Theater programs are available per availability of the actors.  
See **Page 8** for Theater Program character information.

**One program.....\$250**

**Two programs.....\$400**

*MILEAGE MAY APPLY*



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