



# 2023

## Year in Review



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### WELCOMING THOUSANDS OF VISITORS

2023 was another year filled with joyful play and discovery! We welcomed over 28,000 visitors from 485 zip codes, 33 states, and 9 countries.

### WORKING STATEWIDE

As a result of our ongoing work with the Greater Minnesota Children's Museum Coalition, and thanks to the support of Representative Backer and Senator Rasmusson, Otter Cove will now receive annual funding from the MN Department of Education to support our access initiatives and museum programming.

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### ACCESS FOR ALL

We were able to expand several of our access initiatives in 2023, including monthly Sensory Friendly Playtimes, quarterly Free Admission Days, and increased availability of Access to Play memberships for families facing financial barriers.



### NEW EXHIBITS AND PROGRAMMING

Thanks to support from West Central Initiative from the Inga M. Johnson Endowment Fund, Lake Region Arts Council, Lake Region Electric Co-Op, Otter Tail Power Company Foundation, Park Region, Lake Region Healthcare, and Dane Prairie 4-H, we debuted several new rotating Change It Up Room exhibits and continue to develop new facilitated programming.

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### PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE

As we celebrated our 3rd birthday in September and took time to reflect on how far we've come since opening our doors in late 2020, our team was also busy planning for the future. We're continuing to work towards building expansion to better serve children and families. Until then, we are in the process of creating a new classroom space that will allow us to offer even more programming - coming later this winter!



## BECAUSE PLAY MATTERS!

