



## Minnesota Children's Museum Permanent Galleries

***Earth World*** nurtures a love of the natural world by immersing young children in Minnesota habitats. By creating storms and crawling through an anthill, children begin to understand the natural world. From live animal programs in the Lodge to the 500-gallon aquarium, children learn the first steps toward a green lifestyle.

**Habitot®** is a safe area where babies and toddlers can make their way through four tot-friendly Minnesota habitats—prairie, pond, forest and cave. Designed to promote children's cognitive, physical, and socio-emotional development, *Habitot* is complemented by a parent resource room with books and information to help plant the seeds of literacy.

**Our World** allows visitors to explore a community with many different people and places. Children experience the joy of being themselves while learning to understand, respect and appreciate others. Children can engage in imaginative play by catching a ride on the city bus, cooking up a meal in the Korean restaurant or singing a tune on the Studio Express stage.

***Rooftop ArtPark*** is an outdoor environment open May through September that joins art and nature into a distinctive, and constantly changing, gallery experience. Springtime finds visitors exploring shadows in a shadow dome and climbing a 12-foot tree fort. Come summer, children create sand sculptures and dip their fingers into a cool streambed. When the crispness of autumn emerges, visitors can see the changing colors of the leaves from high above the treetops as they paint with water.

***World Works***, a gallery packed with scientific exploration, fosters an early interest in science and technology. By providing opportunities to investigate and experiment with tools and materials, children examine water pressure with ping pong balls, chemistry with bubbles and color changes with light play.