THE GALLERIES

Built in 1889, the Children’s Museum is housed in the oldest surviving train repair facility in Western Canada and is home to twelve exciting permanent galleries. Unlike the no-touch exhibits at other museums, our galleries are always ready for hands-on fun! The latest innovations in education come together at the Children’s Museum with creative environments to provide a powerful learning experience that entertains as it educates.

1. SPLASH LAB
Grab a lab-coat-slicker and join in the fun! Whether you’re playing by the enormous bubble wall, having a blast at the water table, or finishing it all off with an experiment, watch out — there’s water everywhere!

2. TOT SPOT
Getting there is all the fun — especially if you’re the littlest museum visitor. Tots ride, walk, or crawl their way over bridges and through a tunnel. So park your stroller at the Stroller Park and explore this miniature version of the Children’s Museum!

3. ILLUSION TUNNEL
What’s real? What’s not? How is what you see different from what really is? Can the train rumble down the line into the tunnel? Using forced perspective, you’re drawn into this giant slide to test your perceptions.

4. LASAGNA LOOKOUT
Ever play with your food? Well this food plays with you! Lasagna you can climb through and take a different path each time, always ending up on top at the Lasagna Lookout. Check out the Rigatoni Roller and Spaghetti Forest, or take a break on the Ravioli Pillows!

5. ENGINE HOUSE
Gears and levers, pipes and pulleys — these are the parts that help make a real train run. At the Engine House you get to see the insides of an actual train engine and conduct a little locomotive action of your own!

6. TUMBLE ZONE
Is this a builder’s fantasy, an ambitious urban planning project, or a game? Inside are all the things you need to create your own unique cityscape using strange and unusual pieces that replace traditional building blocks.

7. MILK MACHINE
Can you see what a cow sees? Can you hear what a cow hears? Of course you can, if you’re at the Cow Controls in the Milk Machine! When you enter this GIANT cow cube, you’re going to have a “dairy” good time.

8. JUNCTION 9161
Junction 9161 is all about the train — the powerful locomotive that forms the spine of the museum experience! Standing inside or out, you can explore the enormity of this great machine.

9. TIME SQUARE
Every town needs a central meeting place to share exciting stories, to rest up before the next big adventure, or to plan out another series of explorations! Synchronize your watches at the Square Clock Tower and let’s get going!

10. POP M’ART
This is no ordinary grocery store, and it sure isn’t an art exhibit. So what is it? It’s Pop m’Art — where kids “shop” for their supplies and create works of art! The stock is always changing, the creations transforming - this space IS art, but on the largest scale.

11. STORY LINE
“Are we there yet?” won’t be heard as visitors ride the train on the literacy-based Story Line. Six destinations transport visitors anywhere imaginable — from outer space to deep beneath the sea, Story Line explores it all!

12. MELLOW MARSH
Bug-sized visitors walk under the giant leaves to admire the flowers in this “organic” cube. But these flowers are for more than looking at. The pin screen and art machine flowers are for touching and leaving your mark!