

OKCMOA provides a wonderful introduction to the visual arts and enriches the creative process for the whole family. Here are some helpful tips for making the most of your visit.

## PLAN AHEAD

Plan to visit early in the day when your child is likely to be more engaged. Also, keep in mind that the Museum's special exhibitions tend to be more crowded on weekends and that the Museum is closed on Mondays.

Glance to see what [exhibitions](#), artworks, and activities are available during your visit, and ask your family what they might like to do. Don't try to squeeze everything in on one trip. Depending on your child's age, you will want to plan on about thirty minutes to an hour and explore one or two galleries that interest you and your child. Be sure to take breaks, as needed. A [family membership](#) to the Museum is a great value for those wishing to make shorter visits more often.

Talk to your children about what all you might see inside an art museum, such as paintings and sculptures, and review [Museum Manners](#).

Find out what else [Downtown OKC](#) has to offer.

## GETTING HERE AND GETTING STARTED

Map/directions and parking

Hours and Admission

Strollers are available through the Admissions Desk on a first-come, first-served basis. A family restroom, equipped with a changing station, is available on the ground floor at coat check.

Pick up a Visitor Guide at the Admissions Desk to help you navigate the galleries and other areas of the Museum. Family guides and [Discovery Packs](#) are also available free of charge and provide children with a variety of stimulating and engaging gallery games and activities.

Don't let the kids have all the fun! Actively participate with your children in exploring the artworks together, asking questions, and playing gallery games. Follow your child's lead to see what interests him or her the most.

Take part in [Drop-in Art!](#) Every Saturday afternoon from 1-4 pm, the Museum offers families a free, artist-led art activity to create and take home. [Family Days](#) take place three to four times a year and offer families a fun-filled afternoon of hands-on art activities, performances, face painting, storytelling, mini-tours, and more!

Discover stories about artists, artworks, and their inspiration! Join us in the galleries the second Saturday of each month at 2 p.m. for [Gallery Stories](#), as we explore unique themes connecting art and literature. *Gallery Stories are cosponsored by the Metropolitan Library System.*

Allow your family to move at their own pace, and when it's time for a break, you'll find comfortable respite areas or benches on each floor. During lunchtime, keep in mind that the Museum Cafe offers a special kids menu for children ages 10 and under.

#### BEFORE YOU LEAVE

Stop by the Museum Store, located on the ground floor, for a special memento or gift. The Museum Store offers one of the best selections of art books in Oklahoma City as well as handcrafted puzzles, jewelry, and decorative objects that are truly works of art. Museum members receive a 10% discount on all store merchandise.

Pick up brochures, Museum School class schedules, and other printed materials to take home and help you to plan your family's next OKCMOA adventure!

#### AFTER YOUR VISIT

Reinforce what you have discovered at the Museum by talking about how everyday objects and things around the house or your city are similar to what you saw in the works of art.

Encourage your child to sketch, write stories, or talk about the artworks at the Museum. Ask which piece was his or her favorite and why. Be sure to revisit your child's favorite piece each time you visit!

Help your child to start a collection of art or objects and create their own mini-museum.

Invite your relatives or friends to join you on your next trip to OKCMOA.