

What would having a local children's museum mean for you or the children in your life?

- 1 Place to make memories and bring family and friends from out of town.
- 2 A CD place to experience new activities and explore
- 3 A child friendly place to explore and connect
- 4 A children's museum would be great for children of the Tri-Cities and for my future grandchildren someday.
- 5 A close by activity to get the kids out of the house. Activity we can do as a family and support our local economy
- 6 A close option for something fun to do!
- 7 A closer alternative to sandcastles in Ludington or GR
- 8 A family place to take kids that is not expensive and screen oriented
- 9 A fun local place to bring my daughter
- 10 A fun memorable experience!
- 11 A fun new place to explore
- 12 A fun option in our community.
- 13 A fun option to visit with friends and their kids.
- 14 A fun place for education and exploring
- 15 A fun place to explore and a meeting place with friends
- 16 A fun place to go
- 17 A fun place to go year round that we don't have to travel very far to visit.
- 18 A fun place to play and be connected with the community. Also would be nice to have something inside for the long Michigan winter months.
- 19 A fun place to play, learn, and hang out with friends
- 20 A go-to happy place for active minds and busy bodies.
- 21 A go-to indoor place for my kids to explore and play with less direct supervision
- 22 A great activity for a family
- 23 A great place to go and engage with others. A chance to get out of the house!
- 24 A great place to take the kids to learn and play
- 25 A kid friendly, fun place to go and for our kids to interact with other kids — especially in winter months.
- 26 A local children's museum would mean opportunity for friendships and education and be a blessing to our family weekly.
- 27 A local place for my children to play and learn year around
- 28 A local place to enjoy year round and watch their creativity and learning take place
- 29 A local place to visit regularly in the winter months and explore
- 30 A local resource rich in collaboration, exploration and creativity.
- 31 A lot. Living here where it's cold more than it's warm. Having somewhere to bring the kids to run off energy means a lot.
- 32 A new and educational place to learn
- 33 A new place to visit
- 34 A place close by visit keep kids busy.
- 35 A place for kids, we have a lot of places for adults in the area but no indoor places specifically for children.
- 36 A place for parent/child exploration and socialization
- 37 A place to go with friends to have fun and learn in creative ways.
- 38 A place to explore together
- 39 A place to explore with the kids year round
- 40 A place to go during winter and the high heat
- 41 A place to go have fun in the winter that is close to home
- 42 A place to go to explore, especially in the winter when it's too cold to be out. Also, a local place for elementary field trips.
- 43 a place to go to, get involved, learning about how things work
- 44 A place to go/thing to do that doesn't involve acquiring more things for home. A place where kids can play with new and different and activities without participating in such excessive consumerism.
- 45 A place to have fun.
- 46 A place to play and explore in winter months, field trip destination
- 47 A place to take kids that are visiting us.
- 48 A place to take my littles in the winter, to meet other mama friends
- 49 A place where people of ALL ABILITIES can go and feel a sense of belonging
- 50 A reason to bring grandkids to town year round.
- 51 A regular place to frequent with hands on activities.
- 52 A resource for education
- 53 A safe place to frequent for time together

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- 54 A safe place to play and learn year round
- 55 A safe, welcoming space for my kids to play with others, learn, explore and create. A place where I can meet other parents
- 56 Able to go more frequently
- 57 About the same as now
- 58 Adventure
- 59 Again, something to do, learn and preserve our history.
- 60 An additional resource on the Lakeshore for kids and families
- 61 Another (nearby) option for a fun, educational, hands-on activity
- 62 Another activity to get out of the house.
- 63 Another activity we can do regularly
- 64 Another fun activity
- 65 Another fun option
- 66 Another Grand Haven opportunity for children to learn, play and grow.
- 67 Another great thing to do in GH!
- 68 Another opportunity to connect with people in the community with kids.
- 69 Another option for our family when planning what to do.
- 70 Another option of low cost experiences
- 71 Another option to play and and have fun close to home.
- 72 Another place to go in our local community as a family
- 73 Another place to have educational enriching experiences away from home
- 74 Another venue for shared activity
- 75 As a parent of a special needs child, having a local children's museum, just minutes from our house would be amazing.
- 76 Being able to stay local during winter months/rainy weather to do indoor activities
- 77 BIG fans!!! I LOVE this idea so much.
- 78 Cabin fever us so real! We are feeling it something fierce here at my house, I know a museum would help with being able to find something to do in the winter times.
- 79 Closer opportunity!
- 80 Continued education, family bonding, great addition to the community year round
- 81 Continuous fun activities all year round.
- 82 Creative, fun exploration
- 83 Destination reward
- 84 Do to my son's condition we struggle to find things that are close by that may entertain him and even going to Grand Rapids can be a strenuous trip
- 85 Easier access to more diverse activities, especially during then winter months when it's harder to play outside. Opportunities to engage with other parents and their children from our community.
- 86 Easy place to go and play when winter is here or the heat is too much
- 87 Educational value
- 88 Enlightenment
- 89 Enrichment
- 90 Entertain Grandchildren
- 91 Everything we've been dreaming of! We wish Grand Haven was more kid friendly and had more things for young children to do.
- 92 Excellent resource to learn, bond, have fun, and interact with others.
- 93 Experiences not dependent on weather
- 94 From past experience, to have hands on activities for children to be immersed in learning and having fun
- 95 Fun & education, family time
- 96 Fun during the winter months!
- 97 Fun educational experience to learn through play.
- 98 fun place to play and learn and interact with others
- 99 Fun place to visit during inclement weather
- 100 Fun place to visit on rainy days
- 101 Fun!
- 102 Give them a place other than a sports complex
- 103 Grand Haven does lack appropriate places for families to socialize, gather and allow for children to play and explore.
- 104 Great fun and learning
- 105 Great local place to explore or plan outings.

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- 106 Great opportunity
- 107 Great outing for a rainy day
- 108 Having a local children's museum would be a huge benefit for the community as a whole but also a place we would frequent for all of the above "checked" reasons. It would be a great fun educational resource for my kids that we could visit year round.
- 109 Having a local children's museum would offer our family a place where we could interact and engage in meaningful play with our children. It would give our family a place to meet up with other children to create social interactions that may not occur without a potential meeting space. We are considering homeschooling our children and if we did, having a resource like a children's museum would give us so many opportunities to enrich their homeschool education. We currently travel to Grand Rapids or Ludington a few times a year to attend the children's museum so to have one locally would be wonderful. We would definitely take advantage of any membership opportunities available.
- 110 Having activities that the children can interact with and learn
- 111 Having an indoor place to visit during times of bad weather; having a place that will entertain children for hours without screens.
- 112 Having somewhere close to learn and have fun
- 113 Having somewhere that's family friendly to go
- 114 I am a teacher so having a local children's museum would be valuable for students who do not have the financial resources to attend the ones out of the city
- 115 I could see it becoming a new favorite place for my kiddos. We would likely be regulars if the fit was right and my children enjoyed the experience.
- 116 i think it would be a very welcome asset that we do not currently have
- 117 I would be thrilled as we would go often for something fun to do. I would also be excited and teacher to have a place like that close by to bring kids on a field trip.
- 118 I would become a member of it!
- 119 I would hope for a place to make regular visits and fill a void that is lacking
- 120 I wouldn't have to travel 45min-1hr to the closest museum and support another city's economy, I can stay in my hometown (10 minute drive from gh township)
- 121 I'd love it if it offers something for the older kids who are still kids too. :) there's so much b for the toddlers and youngsters (which is needed too!) but the 10 year olds don't have so much. A place that a 10 year old can be a kid in grand haven would be amazing!!!!
- 122 If it is affordable, it would be extremely beneficial to our homeschooling family. Not having to drive to Grand Rapids for museum fun would be amazing and allow us to go more often. Offer year round membership options please!
- 123 I'm excited for us to have a new place to explore. A place for children to learn through playing. A place to go play when we have cabin fever in the winter too.
- 124 important to have a place for families to connect, engage, learn
- 125 It makes the lakeshore so much more family friendly. Not having to go all the way to GR for activities and access like this is so valuable. When I think about tourism for our city, having this nearby could be super beneficial for summer tourism and really extend how many families seek out Grand Haven as more of a year round experience.
- 126 It mean a lot to us. We have young children and it's hard to find things to do in the wintertime and that's a long portion of the year.
- 127 It would be a closer option than the Grabd Rapuds children's museum enabling us to visit more frequently.
- 128 It would be a destination for visiting
- 129 it would be a fulfilling place to visit and wonderful that it doesn't require much time in the car
- 130 It would be a go to spot for myself and the children in my life.
- 131 It would be a great asset to the community, other than the library, there aren't many places for families to gather with young children that are clean and safe and has actual developmentally appropriate activities for the kids indoors.
- 132 It would be a place to gather and learn year-round while having fun.
- 133 It would be a place to go together and do something fun. Help keep the kids entertained.
- 134 It would be a significant improvement because there is lack of small children activity in our community. Everything is in Grand Rapids or Holland
- 135 It would be a wonderful place to make memories
- 136 It would be amazing to have a n option within an hour
- 137 It would be amazing to have a safe place to take the kids to play and learn when the weather isn't the best for outdoor activites.
- 138 It would be amazing to have something local. The GR children's museum is always crowded and chaotic.

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- 139 It would be amazing, especially in the winter time. It would be something to do as an activity, but more importantly, educate children about different things!
- 140 It would be amazing. I'm really looking forward to visiting it often!!
- 141 It would be closer to home so we can go more often
- 142 It would be great for it to be local and for us not to have to travel to other cities
- 143 It would be great to have a children's museum so close! We would visit often.
- 144 It would be great to have one locally!
- 145 It would be great to have something here for our kids that is indoors rather than traveling
- 146 It would be nice to have another option for safe, family friendly activities outside of going to GR
- 147 It would be so beneficial to the locals of the community. There's not enough to do in the off-season.
- 148 It would be so nice to have a fun place to bring kids that is indoors and isn't such a far drive.
- 149 It would be something fun to do which is especially hard to find in the winter months
- 150 It would be something to do
- 151 It would be wonderful! It would give us something local to do in the cold winter months.
- 152 It would give another place to learn and explore
- 153 It would give the children in this community a place to go and learn and grow
- 154 It would give us a close place as a homeschool family to explore and learn.
- 155 It would give us a place in the community to connect with other families, explore and expand their imagination and sense of independence, and learn about new ideas and activities
- 156 It would give us a place to visit in the winter.
- 157 It would give us something to do together in the winter. We are blessed with many outdoor activities in this area during the summer but minimal things during the winter.
- 158 It would greatly benefit us! We love going places and I homeschool my kids so this would really help us and I believe enrich our lives :)
- 159 It would help provide another place to gather and interact with others in a safe, learning, and imagination based area.
- 160 It would mean a fun educational place to take my grandchildren now when they are visiting us
- 161 It would mean a fun place to play!
- 162 It would mean guaranteed fun and play and convenience
- 163 It would mean having a great place to gather and play with friends outside of our normal day to day activities. Definitely something special!
- 164 It would mean having a safe space for our children to learn, explore, and grow.
- 165 It would mean not having to leave town to find something fun indoors to do. Our options here - especially in the "off season" - often feel very limited
- 166 It would mean we have a closer option than Grand Rapids for a fun learning experience.
- 167 It would mean we would have more of a reason to go to Grand Haven all year long. It'd mean my children would learn more than they might otherwise.
- 168 JOY!
- 169 Less driving, ability to return regularly like we do with the history museum in Muskegon
- 170 Less of a drive to GR
- 171 Life long learning and enrichment
- 172 Lots of smiles
- 173 Make more memories and have fun together.
- 174 Making memories with my children and expanding their play and creativity
- 175 Making sure they learn something new and fun.
- 176 More accessible than traveling to GR or Ludington so would visit more or become members. We would look to volunteer and help promote
- 177 More educational fun!
- 178 More for them to do in GH. Winter fun.
- 179 More fun! Not having a huge commute to a kids museum would mean we could go more frequently
- 180 More good things for them to engage with
- 181 More learning, something to bring them to near by that they love!
- 182 More opportunities to get out of the house (especially in winter months), a safe & secure place to let my children explore, somewhere to spend time with other parents in the community & build friendships
- 183 More opportunity to explore & learn.
- 184 More options for entertainment
- 185 More reasons to come into grand haven and more opportunities for fun for my children
- 186 More things to do for kids in GH
- 187 More things to do in grand haven

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- 188 Much handier than having to drive to another city
- 189 My boys would have a fun, local place to play, and learn, on a regular basis, especially in rainy or snowy months. Driving to GR is too far for it to be monthly.
- 190 My children are getting older (10 and 15), but I hope to bring my grandchildren in 10-15 years, as well! Having things for teens to do would be a great asset.
- 191 My kids are older now but the closest museum we have is in GR and having one in the Lakeshore would be a great place for families to gather and kids to enjoy playing, learning, and having fun with their family and friends.
- 192 My son frequently asks to go to the Grand Rapids Children's Museum. Having a local one would mean we could go often and much more conveniently. I imagine us having a membership and going a lot in the winter.
- 193 N/A
- 194 not always having to drive to other cities for childrens entertainment
- 195 Not driving to GR if we wanted to go to a children's museum.
- 196 Not having to drive to another city for a museum visit
- 197 Not having to travel so far to get to a Children's Museum.
- 198 Positive experience, memories and learning
- 199 Provide additional growth opportunities for children and give a valuable place for parents/grandparents/guardians to bring their children
- 200 Provide indoor activities for family bonding time on the weekends
- 201 Shorter car rides to enjoy children's museum
- 202 So many fun days without having to drive over 30 minutes for an indoor place for kids. A place for them to learn, explore and interact with others
- 203 Someplace close to explore.
- 204 Something closer would be ideal
- 205 Something else to do especially on bad weather days
- 206 Something engaging to do in the winter or on rainy days
- 207 Something fun to do
- 208 something kid friendly to do during the cold winter months.
- 209 Something local and fun to do. A place to meet with friends!
- 210 Something to do in our community besides purchase food or merchandise
- 211 Something to do in the cold months
- 212 Something to do on days when it's not nice enough to be outside
- 213 Somewhere close by to visit
- 214 Somewhere we can enjoy year round
- 215 The atmosphere
- 216 The world!
- 217 They would enjoy it.
- 218 This would be a great opportunity to do something we love without having to drive very far. Grand Haven is in need of family and winter friendly activities for families.
- 219 Trips there more often!!!
- 220 We are a homeschool family and involved in scouts and that could be a good activity
- 221 We could participate in the community and would have a fun place to gather as a family and with others on a regular basis
- 222 We could visit it year round!
- 223 We homeschool and it would be a chance to get out and explore without the mental load
- 224 We homeschool- so having a place to go where I can teach my kids in an engaging and exciting way with resources I can't get at home would be amazing!
- 225 We homeschool so it would be a place we visit often if my kids enjoyed it.
- 226 We love having indoor activities for all year long that (hopefully) are affordable and can be done without much pre-planning. We sometimes go to GR for opportunities like this, but we have to plan most of a day around it to make it worth it.
- 227 We love the GR children's museum but it's such a drive, this would be more visits more often
- 228 We need more places for kids to go.
- 229 We would be there every week to explore
- 230 We would have a fun place to patronize
- 231 We would have another option to explore/learn new things and a good place to connect with friends
- 232 We would have somewhere indoors to go learn during the winter.
- 233 We would love one closer than Grand Rapids or Ludington to get a season pass to
- 234 We would love the ability to purchase a membership to be able to visit often!

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- 235 We would love to be members and have an engaging indoor space to visit with friends
- 236 We would love to have a children's museum as a place to foster a love of learning.
- 237 We would love to have something more local for us!!
- 238 We would visit more often
- 239 We wouldn't have to drive to Lansing or Grand Rapids for it. We like impressions 5 and the GR children's museum.
- 240 We wouldn't have to travel for age appropriate fun
- 241 We wouldn't have to travel to the GR Children's Museum so would be able to go more often
- 242 We wouldn't have to drive to Grand Rapids, Holland or Muskegon for something to do indoors during the school year during school breaks and weekends. We would be able to easily go after the school day as well. Our kids would be able to meet friends easier.
- 243 We'd be regulars, have a membership, host gatherings there. Donate to it, it would be a community spot to enjoy for a lifetime
- 244 Winter activity!! Please!!!
- 245 Winters are cold and long, it would be great to have a new indoor winter activity.
- 246 Would be an amazing place to go fairly often!
- 247 Would have made more friends at a younger age
- 248 Would LOVE a local place with indoor room for kids!
- 249 Would mean we no longer have to drive to st Joe or GR to visit one!!
- 250 Would need to have some rotating/seasonal exhibits so it wouldn't be the same thing every visit for locals. Different age groups bc now my kids are a bit too old for GR children's museum. A way to explore areas of interest like music, STEM, history, careers etc
- 251 Would visit often
- 252 Wow, it would be incredible to have a place to play and explore on days where we can't be out in the weather, have a place to meet up with friends, extend learning outside our home as we are a homeschooling family, as well as providing my children a place to spark curiosity and learn new things.
- 253 year round place to be that is safe, fun, warm, and educational