



Bitterroot Discovery
Children's Museum
Discover what you can BEE!

Psst! Hey Friends!
Help us grow by sharing this with someone who makes you smile!

Emotions
in **ACTION**

DURING
March!

Come explore
emotions
from the
inside out!

Thurs. - Sat.
10am - 5pm
Daly
Mansion

\$3/person,
kids under 2 free
***All children MUST be**
accompanied by
a paying adult*

This is the LAST week of our
"Emotions in Action" experience!

If you haven't stopped in yet, now is the time!

All the feelings are welcome here!

Come explore emotions from the inside out as you and your family learn how to deal with all the feels. This month-long children's museum experience focuses on social-emotional learning concepts, putting words to feelings, and moving through those big emotions while learning from them. Emotions HQ is open!

Hours & Admission

[Our last day is Saturday, March 28th!](#)

Thursday–Saturday: 10:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.

Daly Mansion

Admission is \$3 per person (children under 2 are free).

Families who are SNAP, EBT, or WIC eligible receive free admission for immediate family members.



Every Day in Storage is a Missed Opportunity for Ravalli County Kids

Right now, the vast majority of our exhibits and programming materials are going largely unused. They're locked away in storage units.

At the end of the month, the *Emotions in Action* exhibit will join many of our other exhibits in storage. Exhibits and accompanying programming like *Pet Care Place*, *Water Ways*, *Healthy Me: Farm to Table*, and others could be supporting hands-on, prevention-centered experiences that help children build resilience, develop social-emotional skills, and strengthen their families. Instead, they remain in storage while we continue searching for a home.

While we continue to apply for and receive smaller grant funding for individual events and programs, these are just incremental steps. They are not enough to fulfill our full mission.

Here's our challenge: **we cannot fully deliver our prevention-focused mission without a permanent space.** Larger grant-making organizations want to see that our programs have a stable home before investing in long-term support. But we can't secure that home without help. It's a classic "chicken and egg" problem: without a building, we are told we're not ready for bigger funding; without bigger funding, we cannot move into a building.

We need the community's help to break this cycle. We are looking for:

- A temporary rental arrangement in a space that is currently underutilized
- A partner or investor to support moving into a building with a temporarily subsidized, below-market rent
- Guidance connecting us with spaces whose owners would welcome a prevention-focused, family-centered community hub

We need a place where our exhibits and programming can live, grow, and reach their full potential.

This isn't just about fun exhibits and activities. Our vision is a true community hub, where families of all backgrounds and income levels can access hands-on learning, support, and resources in a single, welcoming space. A permanent home allows us to expand our reach, deepen our impact, and move into the next circle of funding opportunities so we can continue our work of strengthening families, supporting Positive Childhood Experiences (PCEs), and building resilient, thriving communities...one child at a time.

We cannot do this alone. If you or someone you know can help us find a space, partner with us on a temporary arrangement, or support our long-term vision, please reach out today. Together, we can unlock the full potential of our programs and the children and families they serve.

Warmly,

Anita Wotkyns
President, Bitterroot Discovery Children's Museum

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It's A Party with a Purpose!

You're invited to the



BIG BLUE PARTY for PREVENTION!



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Prevention
is every 1's responsibility
April is **Strengthening Families** Month!

Thank you, community partners!



**We're celebrating the connections that
help families thrive!**

Family Open House

Saturday, April 4th, 10am-2pm

Bedford Building, 223 S. 2nd St. Hamilton



Wear BLUE for Free admission!

**Games, hands-on activities,
grab-and-go resource materials,
prizes, snacks, and more!**



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We're having an Art Show!



Calling young artists!
Submit your artwork
to support hands-on learning at the
Bitterroot Discovery Children's Museum!

Submitted art will be judged and the top 24 pieces will be:

- Professionally photographed by **Wide Angle Photography**
- Professionally framed by **Cassens Fine Art**
- Displayed at **Explore the ARTS** during **Artists Along the Bitterroot**, where they will be featured in a silent auction kick-off
- Auctioned live at our **Communi-TEA Party** on June 20th, with proceeds benefiting BDCM

Artists may retain their artwork for entry into the Ravalli County Fair!
(The winner of each auctioned piece will take possession after the fair concludes, allowing artists to participate fully in both opportunities).

Support a children's
museum being
developed BY you.
FOR you!

Thank you to our sponsors!

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[Download the Registration Form Here!](#)



Bingo at the Eagles:

Thanks to the Hamilton Eagles and to everyone who supported our March bingo night!

With your help, we were able to raise \$1,400 to support our 2026 lineup of community programming!

Put these on your Calendar!



EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT ENDS
MONDAY, MARCH 23RD



EARLY CHILDHOOD SUMMIT 2026

Join us as we celebrate NAEYC Week of the Young Child and Strengthening Families Month this April! The Early Childhood Summit brings together child care providers, educators, business leaders, and parent advocates to connect, learn, and collaborate to strengthen early learning opportunities and support the early childhood workforce in our community.

Featuring expert speakers, small group workshops, networking and collaborative next steps.

Limited Scholarships
are Available!

ECP & OPI Credits
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Saturday, April 11th, 2026
10 AM to 4:30 PM
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Bitterroot Gives is a 26-hour online celebration that connects generous Bitterrooters with the causes they care about. It is a day to celebrate and support the role nonprofits and donors play in making our community great!

Look for updates on activities and ways to support us during this fast and furious FUNdraiser or donate here today!

Donate today!



Coming in May!

"Small but Mighty: Growing Strong from Farm to Table"
at Sapphire Early Learning Center!

This month-long experience will feature hands-on learning stations focused on nutrition, gardening, local food systems, and healthy lifestyle habits. Additional components highlighting bees and pollinators will help children understand their essential role in growing the foods we eat, and emphasize the role that even the smallest members of our community play!

**Special thank you to A to Z Personnel for sponsoring
this upcoming experience!**

Mother's Day Pancake Palooza!



Part of our
"Hometown Days"
Celebration

Flippin' Fun
For Mom!

All proceeds go to support
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Saturday,
May 9th
11am to 2pm

Florence Ace Hardware

5524 Old US-93, Florence

(406) 273-4333

florenceace@acehardwaremontana.com

- Pancake breakfast by donation
- \$5 hydrangea plants while supplies last
- Mother's Day crafts for the kids

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with us
this
Spring!

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sign up Today!

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delivered right to your phone

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