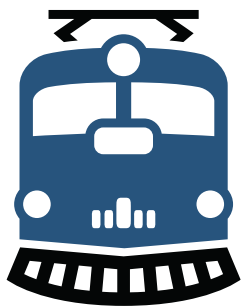


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Train Exhibit

Tips for caregivers to help kids

learn through play!

Talk

- Wonder out-loud (to your child) about exhibit elements- "I wonder if we can balance the train cars..." or "I wonder how long of a track we can connect...".
- Build literacy skills by reading the signs aloud together.
- Narrate your child's play, making it a story.

Play Together

- Use the "Drawbridge", "Balance", or "Bolts" to explore how simple machines make work easier.
- Choose a destination and role play as conductor and passenger at the ticket booth or inside the Amtrak car.
- Create your own scenario/story as you play.

Explore

- Use the map of Virginia and select a ticket. Together, explore different destinations and connect to personal experiences.
- Talk about your favorite trips you have taken before and the mode of transportation you used.

Ideas to Learn Together Throughout the Children's Museum

- Let your child lead the way
- Ask open-ended questions that require more than a "yes or no" answer
- Let your child do the work
- Encourage safe risk-taking

TRAIN EXHIBIT

All Aboard!

Take an imaginary ride on an Amtrak train, build your own railroad, and explore simple machines in our STEM focused train exhibit

