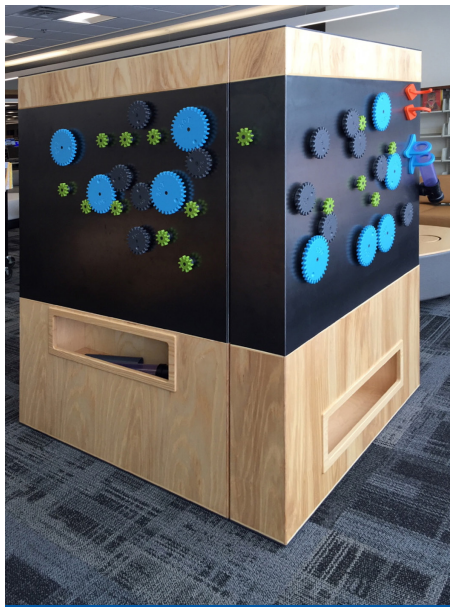


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FREE-STANDING MAGNETIC WALLS, MULTIPLE LIBRARIES

Play is our
brain's favorite
way of learning.

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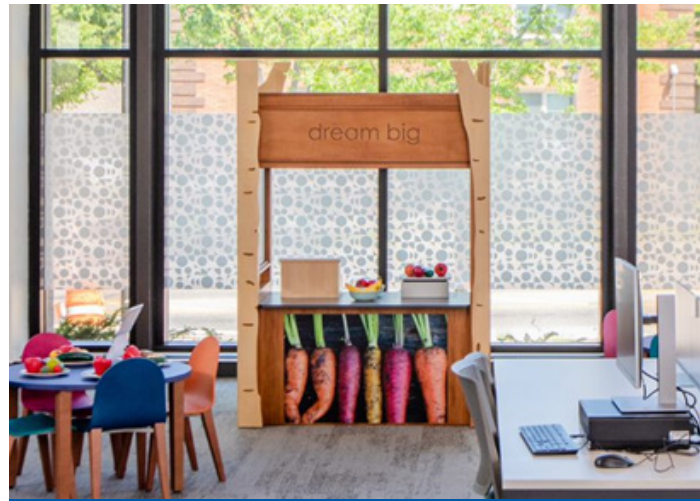


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Early Learning Play Spaces

The Hennepin County Library (HCL) Capital Plan calls for remodeling up to 14 libraries of various sizes across the county over the next six years. As library spaces are redesigned or built, HCL is committed to including creative and fun literacy and learning play spaces that support early learning and school readiness skills.



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Play helps a child learn:

- cooperation
- empathy
- impulse control
- reduced aggression

resulting in better emotional and social health.

Play contributes to academic success.

Our early learning play spaces connect to Hennepin County Library's mission and vision:

TO INSPIRE, FACILITATE, AND CELEBRATE LIFELONG LEARNING.

These areas are a shared space for enrichment and connection.

Our strategic plan priorities closely align to our early learning play spaces:

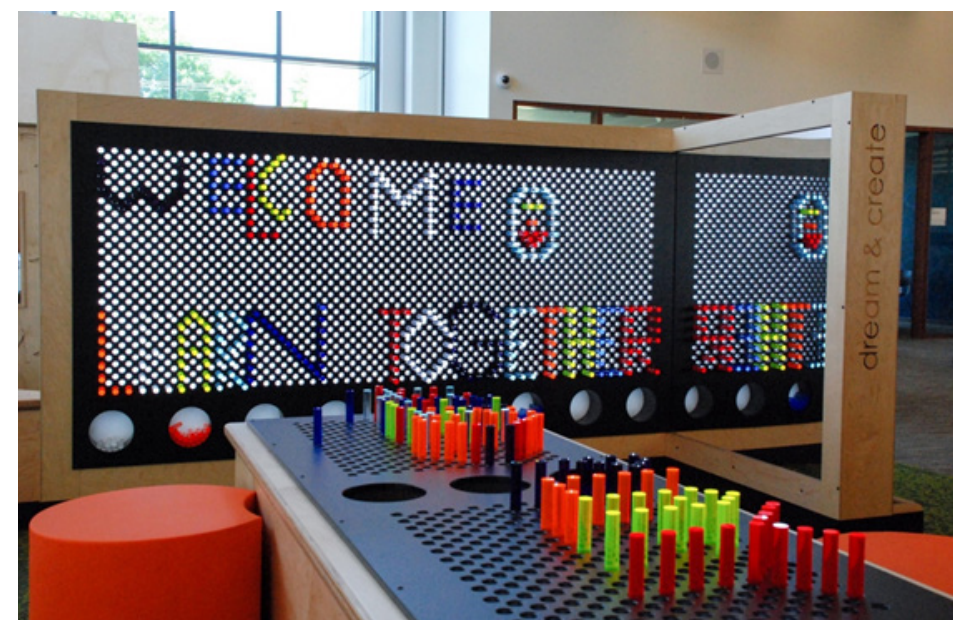
- Uphold free access to a broad spectrum of ideas
- Champion the aspirations of residents with learning, literacy, and enrichment
- Create inviting, inclusive, accessible, and safe public spaces
- Deliver a positive and equitable experience to every patron

Our early learning play space goals:

- Increase library usage
- Support literacy and education
- Ensure a positive patron experience



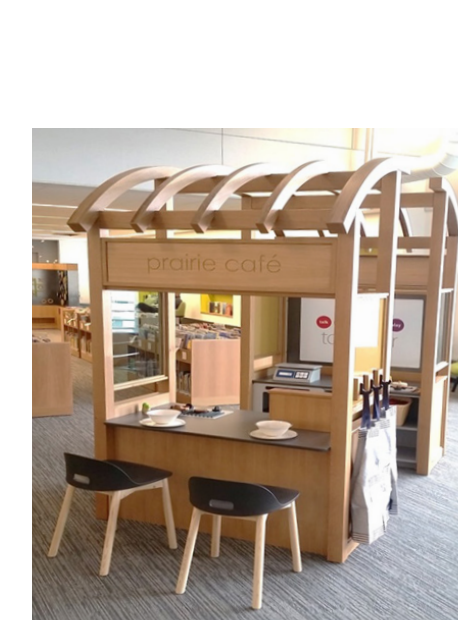
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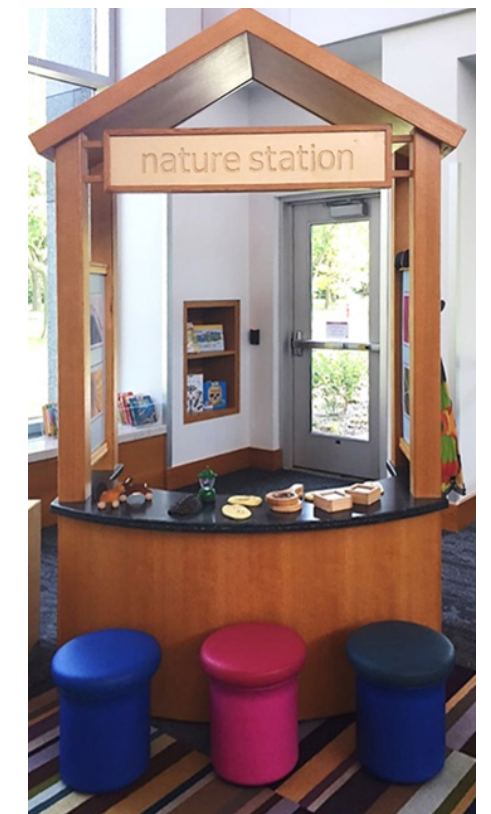
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