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Dinosaurs are coming to the Kalamazoo Valley Museum this summer! “Although dinosaurs went extinct 66 million years ago, you can still adventure through this exhibit and see dinosaurs come alive through the use of animatronic creatures,” said Kalamazoo Valley Museum Director Bill McElhone.

Dinosaurs: Land of Fire and Ice and Dinosaur Discovery will take over the Museum’s third floor from June 17 to September 17.

“We expect the exhibit to be popular with families of all ages, and we’re pleased to be hosting this exciting exhibit during the summer and fall months. Who doesn’t get excited about the prospect of seeing a dinosaur?” McElhone mused.

While moving through the exhibit, guests encounter unfamiliar landscapes, touchable dinosaurs of all shapes and sizes, and opportunities to investigate clues about what the dinosaurs left behind.

The exhibit features three sections: Land of Fire (a warm dinosaur habitat), Land of Ice (a cold dinosaur habitat), and a Field Research Station (complete with a Big Dig component), along with an adventure through the Mesozoic Era! Wander past several “living” dinosaurs and a winged reptile “flying” overhead!

“When playing in this engaging environment, children experience countless opportunities for showcasing critical thinking skills, such as questioning, reasoning, theorizing, observing, contemplating, planning, executing, and synthesizing,” said McElhone. “This exhibit builds on the popular fascination with dinosaurs and utilizes a scientific approach to challenge all ages.”

Each section of the exhibit is divided by a series of low walls that enable adults to view the entire exhibit while keeping each section distinct and autonomous. Extensive and detailed murals throughout the exhibit ensure an immersive, environmental aesthetic.

Dinosaur Discovery is a step back into the Mesozoic Era, where dinosaurs from the Cretaceous Period are still alive and well. Wander through the exhibit to see a family of Triceratops grazing, as well as the mighty, carnivorous, roaring Albertosaurus! Be sure to look up and see the Pteranodon flying overhead! You can also have your photograph taken with a full scale Tyrannosaurus Rex head as well as go digging for fossils in the Dino Dig Box.

Dinosaurs: Land of Fire and Ice was created by Minnesota Children’s Museum and nationally sponsored by The David B. Jones Foundation. Dinosaur Discovery is brought to you by KOKORO, LLC

Admission to the Kalamazoo Valley Museum is free. The Kalamazoo Valley Museum is operated by Kalamazoo Valley Community College and is governed by its Board of Trustees.

