



**Client:**

Discovery Depot Children's Museum  
Galesburg, Illinois

**Services:**

Design & Fabrication

*In 2012, Discovery Depot Children's Museum began a major renovation to their building façade and interior exhibits. With the ambitious goal of boosting annual attendance to over 40,000, the museum needed a robust set of exhibits to meet their expected capacity. KidZibits was excited to design this new environment from the ground up.*

**Our Challenges:**

- Renovating and upgrading the museum while preserving its original character
- Connecting visitors to Galesburg's unique local history
- Developing STEM interactives to engage older children, ages 8-12
- Designing an open floorplan for multiple activities and ages



Bernoulli Blower



Roller Coaster Ball Wall



Galesburg's Big Wheel

### Activity Highlights:

- *Galesburg's Big Wheel*: Power the Ferris wheel and learn the history behind this Galesburg icon.
- *Fly the Stearman*: Create a gear chain that spins the propeller of the Stearman biplane.
- *Ferris Acres Farm*: Feed and care for animals inside the museum's original barn—scaled down to kid-size.
- *Drive the Combine*: Harvest corn at the combine simulator and explore the technology behind agriculture.
- *Ferris Science Playground*: Experiment with simple machines, gears and the physics of ball motion.

*“KidZibits exceeded our expectations. They were efficient with design and fabrication, and the end result was an excellent value of exhibits within our budget.”*

– Steve Gerstenberger, Project Manager

*“Working with KidZibits was truly a collaborative experience. They listened to our ideas, provided patient guidance to our questions, and partnered successfully with our local team. The outcome of this approach was amazing exhibit areas throughout our museum.”*

– Denise Bradburn, Executive Director



Fly the Stearman