

Bald Eagles have been a common sight out our windows for the last few weeks. Stop by to see these majestic creatures in flight.



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## A Child's View of Papermaking

Have you ever wondered what it is like to be inside a paper machine? Well wonder no more! The Paper Discovery Center, with the generous help of numerous area companies, completed installation of its newest exhibit *A Child's View of Papermaking*. Originally fabricated and used as a traveling exhibit by the Robert C. Williams American Museum of Papermaking in Atlanta, Georgia, the exhibit is now "off the road" and ready to educate and entertain guests in Appleton.



*A Child's View of Papermaking* is a colorful, interactive exhibit that will help you discover how paper is made. The two-story exhibit is a large paper machine made for kids and adults to play on and learn.

Visitors walk up the stairs to the second floor where the control room of the paper machine is located. It is here that you can learn more about the paper industry by selecting to watch one of three short DVD programs.

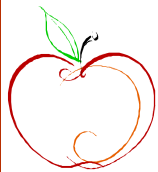
From the control room, visitors—both the young and young-at-heart—can physically make their way through the paper machine. Starting in the headbox where the pulp and water get a final mix, you can swing out onto the forming board, and crawl through the dryers, bringing you to the lower level portion of the exhibit.

The first floor provides further explanations of the importance of paper in our lives. An interactive map detailing how papermaking spread from China to the United States includes historic artifacts. (You can even get a peek at the paper tie worn by Tom Hanks in the movie *Forrest Gump*!) A flip-board game, along with related video, encourages you to explore the many types of paper you use every day. A touch-screen computer interactive ties together everything learned in the papermaking experience.

We hope you'll come visit with your family and experience papermaking in a whole new way!



## What Teachers Have Been Saying . . .



**Barb Green - Mount Olive Lutheran School (Appleton) [3rd Grade]**

"The trip was well worthwhile as we learned how paper is made and saw the "insides" of paper. Thank you for all your efforts to make us aware of paper."

**Paula Hauswirth-Cummings, - Aldo Leopold Community School (Green Bay) [5th/6th Grade]**

"The timing of the three lessons was efficient and good for kids. I especially liked the strength of water and paper where kids learned about the molecular structure of water and paper and learned about the water strider, etc. The lesson was very interesting, and the presenter was very engaging. The kids also got to "play" a little in the 3-D room which allowed them to let loose a little. Overall, a great experience!"

**Cathy Johnson - Wilson (Neenah) [4th Grade]**

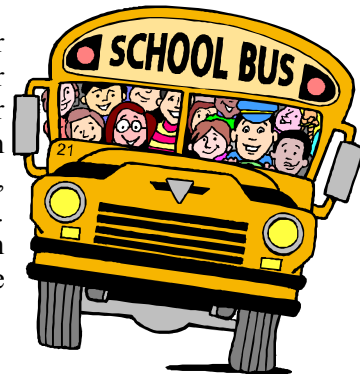
"We all enjoyed our day. It was a great experience! We plan to continue this field trip each year."

**Hilarie Rath - Aldo Leopold Community School (Green Bay) [5th/6th Grade]**

"When I teach papermaking, I want the students to understand the impact of paper on their lives and the impact of papermaking on the region. [The introductory film] did it better than any I've seen. I thought Dave [Lee] did a great job of using metaphors to explain sophisticated chemical processes. I like the sense of environmental responsibility the tour suggested. Paper companies are becoming less inclined to give tours these days for insurance reasons. This is a great alternative or enrichment of that experience."

## Book Your Field Trip

School visits to the Paper Discovery Center celebrate all things paper through hands-on activities, staff-led tours, and presentations. Activities for museum visits are designed to be age-appropriate:



- Explore *Fiberscapes: Experiencing Paper in 3-D* (Grades K-12)
- Papermaking (Grades K-12)
- Fibers and Scopes (Grades K-6)
- Understanding Strength of Water and Paper (Grades 4-12)
- Scavenger Hunt (Grades 4-12)
- *From Tree to Tissue* Exhibit Tour (Grades 4-12)
- Building a Watershed (Grades 5-12)
- Outdoor Learning Center Exploration (Grades 4-8)
- Historical Walk (Grades 3-8)
- Leaf-Tree Beanbag Toss (Grades K-2)
- *A Child's View of Papermaking* Exhibit Tour (Grades K-6)

**Call Dave Lee at 920-380-7491 to reserve your date and time. Only one field trip can be hosted at a time.**

Additional details about field trip visits can be found on our website [www.paperdiscoverycenter.org](http://www.paperdiscoverycenter.org). We hope to see you soon!

## Collections & Library Donations

The archive of the Paper Discovery Center is growing in size—thanks to your generous donations! The following is a list of donations received in January, 2007. If you have a donation for consideration, please call Carrie Mahlik, Curator/Archivist at 920-380-7491.

**Norb Dresang**—two basis weights,

**Mame Heaney**—*Wood, Water and Brains; Papermaking in America; and West Coast Hemlock Pulp - A Product of American Pulp Mills*

**Sheldon Schneidewend**—Kimpak Embossing Wheel

**John Winkler**—Mead Paper's "Paper Knowledge"

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Family & Friends  
Program



## Welcome Family & Friends

We welcome the following new addition to our Family & Friends program:

### Friend

Bill and Joan Geenen

Family & Friends enjoy many benefits through their support of the Paper Discovery Center. If you are interested in joining the Family & Friends Program, contact the Center for more information.

## Hall of Fame Spotlight - Milos Krofta



Milos Krofta was born in Ljubljana, capital city of Slovenia, on July 23, 1912.

While he was in high school, Dr. Krofta decided to

study mechanical engineering. In 1935 he obtained his doctorate in papermaking technology from the University for Paper Engineering in Darmstadt, West Germany.

After graduation, Dr. Krofta began work in the largest of the three Yugoslavian mills financed by his family. When Austria became part of Nazi Germany, most of the Austrians employed in Yugoslavia returned to their homeland. Dr. Krofta thus became the general manager of all three mills at age 26. The mills were producing 150 tons a day -- half the total demand of the entire country.

In 1941, the war reached Yugoslavia. Slovenia was split in two, with the Germans taking the north, including two of the Krofta factories, and the Italians capturing the south, where the

larger mill was located. The Germans dismantled the two smaller mills, loaded the managers and workers into boxcars and transported them to Serbia. The large mill in Vevce, where Dr. Krofta remained in command, was under Italian occupation, and the region was declared the Italian Province of Ljubljana.

When Italy fell in 1943, the Germans took Vevce. As one of the largest employers in the country, Dr. Krofta fought to preserve jobs and save his workers from the camps. At the end of the war in 1945, the mill was confiscated by the communists. In July, Dr. Krofta learned that he was to be arrested as a capitalist enemy of the people. Within a few hours, he decided to leave with a devoted employee, and they drove 70 miles in the only charcoal powered car to Trieste, which was under English military rule. Dr. Krofta, his wife, and two small daughters were reunited six months later.

For six years, Dr. Krofta operated successfully as a consultant in Switzerland and Italy. In 1951, when the war in Korea erupted and the Italian

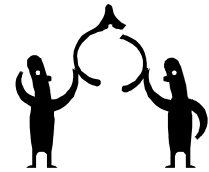
Communist Party made great political gains, the Kroftas immigrated to the United States.

During his managerial years in the Vevce Paper Mill, Dr. Krofta contemplated ways of reducing fiber loss. He was also an early and ardent advocate of water reuse and zero discharge. Nearly 3,000 Krofta flotation savealls and clarifiers are operating around the world.

Dr. Krofta was the founder of Krofta Engineering Corporation, Krofta Waters, Inc., and Lenox Institute for Water Technology, a nonprofit research and educational institution. During his career, Dr. Krofta published over 400 technical reports and papers and has more than 60 U.S. and foreign patents to his credit.

Dr. Krofta worked full time, seven days a week, until his death in 2002. He was survived by his wife, Maria. Their former home in Lenox, Massachusetts, is being renovated for the future home of Lenox Athenaeum, a site for "intellectual retreat and artistic delight." To learn more about Lenox Athenaeum visit [www.lenoxathenaeum.com](http://www.lenoxathenaeum.com).

# Wish List



The Paper Discovery Center has a growing “wish list” and gratefully accepts donations of supplies and equipment. In addition to helping reduce necessary purchase costs, donations can also provide you with a productive and adaptive reuse of your unwanted materials. If you have an item to donate, you may request a tax donation letter to assist you in your record keeping. We appreciate your support!

The following items would allow us to better serve you, our guests:

## Education

- consumable supplies: glue sticks, paper, pencils, etc.
- aluminum foil
- binoculars
- moveable bookshelf on wheels

## Paper Lab

- Sunday comics
- microscopes
- UV lamp
- old books (pre-1860) for use with fiber analysis

## Collections

- visible light meter
- archival boxes
- acid free tissue

## Operations

- wheelchair
- computer supplies: paper and ink cartridges
- blank laser address labels
- scanner
- 25' video projector cord
- laptop computer
- workshop equipment and tools
- DVD player

- extension cords
- brochure racks
- rack with hooks for backpacks and coats
- walkie-talkies
- microphone/speaker system
- janitorial supplies
- yard tools

**And cash, of course!**

## Paper Discovery Center Donor Pledge Card

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### I Would Like to Make a Contribution —

**Single:**  \$100  \$250  \$500  \$1000  \$2500  \$5000  Other \_\_\_\_\_

**Multi-Year:** I/We pledge a gift of \$\_\_\_\_\_ over a period of \_\_\_ years in support of the Paper Discovery Center and the many families and children it will serve through education and discovery.

Amount Enclosed: \$\_\_\_\_\_ Balance Due: \$\_\_\_\_\_ Please make check payable to: Paper Discovery Center

I/We would like to donate a gift of securities\* to the Paper Discovery Center. I/We pledge \_\_\_\_\_ shares of

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(name of security)

**Thank You For Your Support At This Important Time For Our Organization.**

**Ask your employer about matching funds programs!**

Mail this card along with payment to: Paper Discovery Center, 425 W. Water Street, Appleton, WI 54911.

\*Contact our office at 920-380-7491 for transfer instructions or with any questions.

Gifts are tax deductible to the extent provided by law.



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