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***Very Eric Carle* Exhibit Opens at Children's Museum of Pittsburgh on Saturday, May 23, 2026**

(PITTSBURGH) (May 21, 2026) – *Very Eric Carle: A Very Hungry, Quiet, Lonely, Clumsy, Busy Exhibit* opens at Children's Museum of Pittsburgh on Saturday, May 23, 2026. Co-organized by Children's Museum of Pittsburgh and The Eric Carle Museum of Picture Book Art in Amherst, MA, ***Very Eric Carle*** is the first North American traveling exhibit for children inspired by the art of beloved children's book author and illustrator Eric Carle.

At this play-and-learn exhibit, visitors step into the pages of Eric Carle's colorful "Very" series of picture books. Illustrated in his hand-painted tissue paper collage technique, the books introduce five special insects who each take a journey of discovery. Each story is a testament to Eric Carle's love of nature, his respect for the emotional lives of children and his recurring themes of friendship, creativity and the power of imagination. Visitors will:

- Become the Very Hungry Caterpillar as you follow his path
- Weave a web with the Very Busy Spider
- Find their light with the Very Lonely Firefly
- Play and jump like the Very Clumsy Click Beetle
- Compose a night symphony with the Very Quiet Cricket
- Create artwork using many of Eric Carle's materials and techniques
- Enjoy a gallery of prints from Eric Carle's "Very" book series

A press preview for *Very Eric Carle: A Very Hungry, Quiet, Lonely, Clumsy, Busy Exhibit* will be held on Friday, May 22, 11:00 am – 1:00 pm.

Very Eric Carle will be at Children’s Museum of Pittsburgh through September 6. The Museum is open Monday through Sunday from 10:00 am – 5:00 pm and closed on select Wednesdays in May. Admission is \$21 for adults, \$19 for children 2-18 and senior citizens. Children under two are free. For more information about ***Very Eric Carle***, please visit: <https://pittsburghkids.org/exhibit/vec/>

For photos and exhibit logos of ***Very Eric Carle***, please visit:
<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1NA8PdbHYzf-f8bf6g8o8wuWMJGBX3iDw?usp=sharing>

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About Children’s Museum of Pittsburgh

Children’s Museum of Pittsburgh provides innovative and inclusive museum experiences that inspire kindness, creativity, curiosity and joy for all learners. The Museum welcomes nearly 300,000 visitors annually, provides tons of “real stuff” experiences for play and learning and was named the #1 children’s Museum in the country in the 2026 USA Today Readers’ Choice poll. Permanent hands-on, interactive exhibit areas include the Art Studio, Garage, Waterplay, Kindness Gallery, Backyard and MAKESHOP®.

The Museum is located on Pittsburgh’s historic North Side at 10 Children’s Way, Pittsburgh, PA 15212. For more information, please call (412) 322-5058 or visit the Museum website, pittsburghkids.org. Follow us on [Facebook.com/pittsburghkids](https://www.facebook.com/pittsburghkids) / [Instagram @pghkids](https://www.instagram.com/pghkids) / [LinkedIn](https://www.linkedin.com/company/pittsburghkids)

About Eric Carle and The Eric Carle Museum of Picture Book Art

Eric Carle is the renowned author and illustrator of more than 70 books, including the 1969 classic *The Very Hungry Caterpillar*. The mission of The Eric Carle Museum of Picture Book Art, a non-profit organization in Amherst, MA, is to inspire a love of art and reading through picture books. The only full-scale museum of its kind in the United States, The Carle collects, preserves, presents, and celebrates picture books and picture book illustrations from around the world. In addition to underscoring the cultural, historical, and artistic significance of picture books and their art form, The Carle offers educational programs that provide a foundation for arts integration and literacy. Eric and Barbara Carle founded the Museum in November 2002. Since opening, the 40,000-square foot facility has served more than half a million visitors, including 30,000 schoolchildren. The Carle houses more than 13,000 objects, including 6,600 permanent collection illustrations. For further information, visit the Museum’s website at www.carlemuseum.org.