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Attractions/Activities

Ice Skating

[Lasker Rink](#) (Central Park)

[Wollman Rink](#) (Central Park): with carousel, weather permitting

[Rockefeller Center](#)

[Bryant Park](#)

[LeFrak Center at Lakeside](#), [Lefferts Garden](#), (Brooklyn)

[Flushing Meadows Corona Park](#) (Queens)

Winter indoor activities

[50 Things to Do Indoors with Kids](#)

Midtown vicinity

New York Public Library 53rd Street Branch

<https://www.nypl.org/locations/53rd-street>
[18 West 53rd Street New York, NY, 10019](#)

This library is just across from MoMA and was designed in 2016 by TEN Arquitectos, close to the old Donnell Library that sadly closed in 2008 to make way for a hotel and condominium complex. Donnell was known for its children's and world languages collection, the latter of which is now at the Mid-Manhattan Library on 40th Street, the largest of the NYPL branch libraries. This new branch has events, a children's collection and room, and DVD and CD collections, among other things.

FDNY Fire Zone

<http://www.fdnysmart.org/firezone/>
[34 W 51st St. New York, NY 10019](#)

Interactive learning environment with a focus on fire safety. FDNY apparel and collectibles available for sale as well.

Top of the Rock

<https://www.topoftherocknyc.com/>
[30 Rockefeller Plaza, New York, NY 10112](#)

See incredible views of NYC from three observation decks at the top of Rockefeller Center.

The Heimbold Family Children's Playing and Learning Center

<http://www.scandinaviahouse.org/playing-learning-center/>
[Scandinavia House, 58 Park Avenue at 38th Street](#)

Ages 1 and up (children must be walking independently to be admitted)
Indoor play area.

American Girl Place

http://www.americangirl.com/retail/new_york_city.php
[75 Rockefeller Plaza, New York, NY 10019](#)

Home of the American Girl Doll, as well as a salon for kids and dolls, a cafe (reservations are recommended), doll repair facilities, special events, and of course, a shop to buy dolls and accessories.

Eloise at the Plaza Hotel

<http://www.theplazany.com/eloise/>
[Fifth Avenue at Central Park South New York, NY 10019](#)

Kay Thompson's *Eloise* (1955) lived at the Plaza Hotel in Manhattan. The historic and iconic hotel at Fifth Avenue and Central Park South has an Eloise Suite for those who *really* wish to

splurge, plus an Eloise shop, periodic Eloise-themed tea times and other events of interest to families.

Other

Bounce ‘ N Play

<http://bouncenplayny.com/open-play/>
[20-21 Steinway St, Astoria, NY 11105](#) (Queens)

Great play areas for preschoolers, plus slides and bounce houses for all ages. Also a rock climbing wall. Friday Family Open Nights available. Two-hour sessions during the week. (accessible by subway)

Children’s Garden at the New York Botanical Garden (year-round)

<https://www.nybg.org/garden/childrens-adventure-garden/>
[2900 Southern Boulevard Bronx, NY 10458-5126](#)

Both outdoor activities based in nature, plus indoor classes and events that change with the seasons.

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Food and Drink

Serendipity 3

<http://www.serendipity3.com/index.htm>
[225 E. 60th St. bet. 2nd and 3rd Aves.](#)

A New York institution since the 1950s, *Serendipity* is known for its frozen hot chocolate but also has lots of other sweets and drinks, and a full restaurant menu.

Melt Shop

<https://www.meltshop.com/>
[130 W. 50th Street \(btw. 6th and 7th Aves.\)](#)

Sandwiches, salads, tater tots, milkshakes.

Pret A Manger

<https://www.pret.com/en-us/pret-shops>

There are at least a couple near the conference hotel. A British chain with locations worldwide, and a largely organic array of unique sandwiches, soups, salads, and more. Inexpensive, tasty and convenient. Vegetarian options.

[Best Kid-Friendly Restaurants near Rockefeller Center](#) (Mommy Poppins)

[Best Kid-Friendly Restaurants MIDTOWN EAST](#) (Yelp)

[Best Kid-Friendly Restaurants MIDTOWN WEST](#) (Yelp)

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Shopping

The LEGO Store

<https://www.lego.com/en-us/stores/stores/us/rockefeller-center>
[620 5th Ave, New York, NY 10020](#)

Nintendo store

<http://nintendonyc.com/>
[10 Rockefeller Plaza, New York, NY 10020](#)

Has in-store events

For kids' clothing, there is both a [Uniqlo](#) and [H&M](#) not too far away, both of which sell children's clothing that won't break the bank. Uniqlo is on 5th Ave. between 52nd and 53rd Streets, and there is an H&M in the [Shops at Columbus Circle](#), which would be a good spot to park oneself with kids in the cold weather. There is also a Whole Foods Market there, in addition to other shops and restaurants.

Transportation

Kid Car

<https://www.kidcar.com/>

Serves NYC; available 24/7. Newborns to 15-year-old accepted. Minimum charge of \$25 for sedans; minivans and SUVs cost more. Car seats cost \$10 each. Costs can be shared with multiple families. Drivers are vetted and trained, and you will know the driver's name and will receive a picture of the driver's car and license plate. The car can be tracked if one reserves from a phone. May cost as much as twice that of a taxi, but allows unaccompanied kids.

Kidmoto

<https://kidmoto.taxi/>

Another service that provides licensed and insured drivers with cars that provide "pre-harnessed and pre-installed car seats" within NYC and to/from the airports.

Babysitting

[Time Out guide to best services](#) (2015)

[Care.com](#)

[Sittercity.com](#)

[UrbanSitter](#)

[Baby Sitters' Guild](#)

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