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At the Maryland Science Center, voted top museum by *Maryland Family* readers, the dinosaur exhibit contrast against the city skyline.

Maryland Family Favorites 2008

Our seventh
annual readers'
choice results



Best Story Time
Howard County Library
Columbia, Ellicott City,
Elkridge, Savage, Cooksville
www.hclibrary.org

Honorable mention
Barnes & Noble
Ellicott City, Baltimore,
Owings Mills, Towson,
White Marsh,
www.barnesandnoble.com

**Best Museum
for Families**
**Maryland Science
Center**
601 Light St., Baltimore
410-685-5225
www.mdsci.org
Honorable mention
**National Aquarium
in Baltimore**
501 E. Pratt St., Baltimore
410-576-3800
www.aqua.org

Best Family Day Trip
Out of Town
Ocean City
www.ococean.com

Honorable mention
Hershey Park
100 W. Hershey Park Dr.
Hershey, PA
800-242-4236
www.hersheypark.com

Best Park/Playground
Centennial Park
10000 Route 108,
Ellicott City
410-313-7256

Best Summer Camp
**Howard County
Recreation and Parks**
410-313-4700
www.co.ho.md.us/Rap/

**Best Kids'
Entertainment Place**
Chuck E. Cheese
Baltimore, Catonsville, Laurel
www.chuckecheese.com

Honorable mention (tie)
Pump It Up
7184 Troy Hill Drive,
Suite H, Elkridge
410-579-1122
www.pumpitupparty.com

Clark's Elioak Farm
10500 Clarksville Pike, Ellicott City
410-730-4049
www.clarklandfarm.com

Best Restaurant for Kids
Red Robin
Towson, Owings Mills, Columbia
www.redrobin.com

Best Place to Throw a Kids Party

Pump It Up
Suite H, Elkridge
410-579-1122
www.pumpitupparty.com

Honorable mention

Air Mania Fun Zone
9198 Red Branch Road,
Columbia
410-740-4999

Best Party Supply Store

Party City
Baltimore, Owings Mills, White
Marsh, Columbia and Laurel
www.partycity.com

Honorable mention

Party, Party, Party
6435 Dobbin Road #6
Columbia, 410-992-1998

Best Eye Doctor

**Dankner Fiergang
Eye Associates**
6100 Daylong Lane, Clarksville
443-535-8755

Honorable mention (tie)

Dr. Joanne Waeltermann
1011 Frederick Road, Catonsville
410-744-0400

Dr. Stephen C. Flemke
South River Eye Care
18 Cranbrook Road, Cockeysville
410-666-0610

Best Dentist

Dr. Casey Crafton
10380 Old Columbia Road.,
Suite 102, Columbia,
410-381-0900
www.craftondental.com

Honorable Mention (tie)

Dr. Walter Mazzella
10775 Waverly Woods #1
Woodstock,
410-203-2552

Dobbin Dental
6395 Dobbin Rd. #210
Columbia
410-730-3443

Best Pediatric Practice

**Kenneth M. Klebanow and
Associates**
8821 Columbia 100 Pkwy.
Columbia 410-997-1700
www.klebanowandassociates.
medem.com

Honorable mention

Parnes, May and Associates
9501 Old Annapolis Road #101
Ellicott City
410-992-9339
www.parnesandmay.yourmd.com

Best Maternity Hospital

**Howard County General
Hospital**
5755 Cedar Lane, Columbia
410-740-7890
www.hcgh.org

Honorable mention

**Greater Baltimore Medical
Center**
6701 N. Charles St., Baltimore
443-849-2000
www.gbmc.org

**Best Health Club
for Families**

Supreme Sports Club
7080 Deepage Drive, Columbia
301-596-2733

Honorable mention

Lifetime Fitness
7220 Lee DeForest Drive,
Columbia
410-953-0022
www.lifetimefitness.com

Best Day Spa

Lynn's Day Spa
10720 Little Patuxent Pkwy.,
Columbia
410-730-1822

Columbia Gym in Clarksville
6151 Day Long Lane, Clarksville
410-730-0445
www.lynnadayspa.com



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From left, Zhenzhu Nelson, 4, of Columbia, Nina Ficca, 15 months, of Ellicott City, and her mother, Katie Ficca, pay close attention during storytime at the Barnes & Noble on Long Gate Parkway.

Honorable mention

The Pearl
8171 Maple Lawn Blvd.,
Suite 100, Fulton,
301-776-6948
821 Key Hwy., Baltimore
443-692-1911
www.thepearlspa.com

Best Family Therapist

Kennedy Krieger
707 N. Broadway, Baltimore
443-923-9200
www.kennedykrieger.org

Best Mall for Families

The Mall in Columbia
10300 Little Patuxent Pkwy.
Columbia
410-730-3300
www.themallincolumbia.com

Honorable mention

Arundel Mills Mall
7000 Arundel Mills Circle
Hanover
410-540-5100

Best Children's Clothing Store

The Children's Place
Baltimore, Towson, Owings Mills,
Hanover, White Marsh
www.thechildrensplace.com

Honorable mention

Gymboree
Columbia, Arundel Mills, Owings
Mills, Towson, White Marsh
www.gymboree.com

Best Children's Boutique

Lullaby Baby
9130 Red Branch Road #T
Columbia
410-997-8090

Honorable mention

Carter's
7000 Arundel Mills Circle,
Hanover
443-755-8950
www.carters.com

Best Children's Shoe Store

Stride Rite
Columbia, Elkridge, Towson,
Hanover, Owings Mills
www.StrideRite.com

Honorable mention

Steppin' Out Kidz Shoes
10300 Little Patuxent Pkwy.
Columbia
410-730-2338

Best Kids' Haircut

Cartoon Cuts
Columbia, White Marsh
www.cartooncuts.com

Honorable mention

Hair Cuttery
Baltimore, Catonsville, Columbia,
Ellicott City, Owings Mills, Towson,
Cockeysville and more
www.haircuttery.com

Best Toy Store

Toys R Us
Catonsville, Columbia, Towson,
Owings Mills
www.toysrus.com

Honorable mention

Target
Baltimore, Columbia, Ellicott City,
Pikesville, Cockeysville
www.target.com

Best Family Bookstore

Barnes & Noble Booksellers
Ellicott City, Baltimore, Owings
Mills, Towson, White Marsh,
www.barnesandnoble.com

Honorable mention

Borders
Columbia, Owings Mills, Towson,
White Marsh, Baltimore, Timon-
ium, Westminster
www.bordersstores.com

Best Consignment Shop**Once Upon A Child**

8450 Baltimore National Pike
Ellicott City
410-418-4707

Best Maternity Store**Motherhood**

Arundel Mills, Eastpoint Mall, The Mall
in Columbia, Owings Mills Mall, Town-
son Town Center, White Marsh Mall
www.motherhood.com

Best Pet Store**Pet Smart**

Catonsville, Columbia, Hanover, Timo-
nium, Towson
www.petsmart.com

Honorable mention**Petco**

Columbia, Ellicott City, Halethorpe,
Owings Mills, Rosedale, Timonium
www.petco.com

Best Family/Kids' Photography**JC Penney**

The Mall in Columbia, Owings Mills
Mall, Marley Station, White Marsh Mall
www.jcportraits.com

Honorable mention**Sears**

The Mall in Columbia, Security Mall,
Eastpoint Mall
www.sears.com

Best Auto Dealership**Jim Coleman Honda**

12441 Auto Drive, Clarksville
877-494-6632
www.jimcolemanhonda.com

Honorable mention**O'Donnell Honda**

8620 Baltimore National Pike
Ellicott City
410-461-5000
www.odonnellhonda.com

Best Dance School (tie)**Kinetics Dance Theatre**

3280 Pine Orchard Lane, Ellicott City
410-480-1686
www.kineticsdance.org

Arabesque Dance Studio

6935 Oakland Mills Road #J
Columbia
410-381-0017
www.livetodance.com

Honorable mention (tie)**Ballet with Cindee Velle**

8775 Cloudleap Court, Columbia
410-465-7674
www.cindeevelleballet.com

Backstage Dance Studio

Columbia Gateway Plaza
7185 Columbia Gateway Drive
Columbia
410-312-0900
www.thebackstagedancestudio.com

Best Martial Arts School**American Academy of Martial Arts**

9200 Route 108, Columbia
410-964-2262
2480 Route 97, Glenwood
410-489-4429
www.karateblackbelt.net

Honorable mention**TKA (Tompkins Karate Associa-
tion)**

10 locations in Howard County
301-840-9262.
www.tkasudo.com

**Best Educational Service/
Tutoring****Kumon**

Baltimore, Cockeysville, Columbia,
Ellicott City, Owings Mills, Pikesville,
Laurel, Marriottsville, Carney
www.kumon.com

Honorable mention**Sylvan**

Columbia, Eldersburg, Owings Mills,
Pikesville, Towson, Westminster
Tutoting.sylvanlearning.com

Best Music Program**Columbia School of Music**

8950 Old Annapolis Road #117
Columbia 410-964-2228
columbiaschoolofmusic.com

Honorable mention**Olenka School of Music**

Columbia, Clarksville, Ellicott City
410-309-0770
www olenkaschoolofmusic.com

Best After-school Program**Columbia Association**

410-715-3000
www.columbiaassociation.com

Best Gymnastics Program**Top Flight**

9179A Red Branch Road, Columbia
410-992-1600
www.topflightgym-md.com

Honorable mention (tie)**Emilia's Acrobatics, Gymnas-
tics and Cheerleading**

9525 Berger Road, Columbia
410-381-7565
www.eagcgym.com

Columbia Gymnastics

9200 Rumsey Road #2
Columbia 410-964-2053
www.columbiagymnastics.com

Pomeroy Gymnastics

3800 Ten Oaks Road, Glenelg
410-489-5705

Best Daycare**Hilltop Child Care**

12121 Linden Linthicum Lane
Clarksville
443-535-8505
www.l-lumc.org/hilltop.html

Honorable mention**Bet Yeladim**

5885 Robert Oliver Place, Columbia
410-997-7378
8070 Harriet Tubman Lane, Columbia
410-531-2091
www.betyeladim.org

Best preschool**Wilde Lake Children's Nursery**

10518 Marble Faun Court, Columbia
410-997-4856
http://wlcn.net

Honorable mention (tie)**East Columbia Preschool**

6800 Cradlerock Way, Columbia
410-290-9166
www.eastcolumbiapreschool.com

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410-997-7378
8070 Harriet Tubman Lane, Columbia
410-531-2091
www.betyeladim.org