

Unknown Worlds

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In the eyes of a child, the world is something new and ready to be discovered
The discoveries lie in many places some hidden and some common
The first places a child uncovers is **their city**
Those memories of discovery and adventure will never be forgotten

Maybe two lions are able to catch a child's attention
The lions Sawyer and Harris look down standing proudly atop a long staircase
To a child, this building holds adventures in new worlds
New worlds hid in books that a child must read to uncover

A child doesn't forget the excitement ducking and hiding behind towering wooden beams
This is where a child could fly an airplane or climb through a giant's mouth
Their imaginations went wild and ceased to weaken with every new turn in a mystical world
These children learned how to daydream in a place **where dreams come true**

A child is frozen in time as they stare unblinking at a large grey wolf
This is where a child begins to discover the natural world that surrounds them
A child stretches out their arms as far as they can against a sign asking what's your wingspan
They begin to understand the beauty of animals and plants hidden in faraway places

When they first walk through the doors they are awestruck
The size and quantity of the planes and not comprehensible to a child
The sound of the engines thunder in their chest as a smile of amazement creeps on their face
The spirit of aviation never ceases to amaze a child

Something was different now...

One of many who once were children decided to take one last walk through their memories
The sun warmed their face as they slowly walked the same paths they did years before
They remembered times spent in the **library, Little Oshkosh, the Menominee Park Zoo, and EAA**
They recalled the curiosity and excitement they had at all of these places making them who they are

The curiosity they had by discovering their city fueled the first steps into a bright future
They stood still and started to realize that their life wasn't different and it had never changed
They were walking into another unknown world just like they had done as a child
Except for this time they were far more prepared by what they had learned in **Oshkosh**



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