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KID Museum to Open Its Doors on Sunday, October 26
New Interactive Programs Will Spark Innovation and Creativity

(October 6, 2014 - Bethesda, MD) – Robots will draw, toys will fly and electronic circuits will make music when KID Museum opens its doors on Sunday, October 26 at its new prototype space at Davis Library in Bethesda, Maryland. KID Museum’s interactive programs will spark the imagination of elementary and middle school-aged children by engaging them in playful, hands-on experiences that integrate art, science and technology with an exploration of world cultures and global citizenship.

At its light-filled 7,500 square foot space, KID Museum will offer visitors the opportunity to experiment and invent using a wide range of tools and materials, such as 3D printers, laser cutters, textiles, electronic circuits and motors, video cameras, and recycled materials. Drop-in sessions and workshops will feature creative coding and game design, electronics and circuit-building, digital fabrication using 21st century tools and everyday materials, animation and cartooning, electronic sound and music production, textile arts, and digital storytelling. Alongside these experiences, multicultural exhibits and programs will highlight how culture is reflected and constructed through various “made” objects.

KID Museum founder and Executive Director Cara Lesser says, “KID Museum will bring our region a much-needed place to cultivate the next generation’s creativity and capacity to invent the future right in our backyard. Our goal is to inspire kids of diverse backgrounds to become the innovative, globally-minded leaders of the future - all through playful exploration of the world.”

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Montgomery County Public Libraries Director Parker Hamilton explains that the site at Davis Library, provided to KID Museum under a partnership with Montgomery County, “presents another opportunity for MCPL to develop new resources to serve our community in the future while offering an innovative use of the space at our Davis branch. I am especially excited about what this offers to our residents.”

In announcing the partnership, County Executive Isiah Leggett noted, “The future is here in Montgomery County and we need to seize the day to prepare our youth to become innovative and imaginative leaders who will thrive in today’s global economy.”

Lesser says KID Museum’s new space on the library’s lower level is the first step toward the museum’s broader vision of establishing a larger, permanent home in Montgomery County.

The grand opening on October 26 will take place from 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. and will be free to the public with a suggested donation to support KID Museum’s start-up fund. Beginning Saturday, November 1, general admission will be \$8.00 per person.

KID Museum will be open Saturdays and Sundays from 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. and on weekdays for scheduled school field trips. After-school programs will begin in 2015.

KID Museum is located on the lower level of Davis Library, 6400 Democracy Blvd., Bethesda, MD. There is free parking and the museum is accessible by public transportation.

For more information, visit www.kid-museum.org or call (301) 897-5437.

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