

Contraptions A-Z Exhibit

at ImaginOn February 4-May 4, 2008

What is CONTRAPTIONS A-Z? Contraptions A to Z is a hands-on exhibit that combines bits and pieces of all sorts of things to help young people explore creative inventions through the alphabet. Check out the hidden mechanisms that make things work, but are often unseen. Laugh out loud at the imaginative creations that emerge from old stuff used in new ways. Operate the contraptions. Enjoy the letter-filled, word-play fun of the invention names, like the Beserko Bouncer Ball and the Undulating Umbrellas. Don't miss one of the 26 letters!

Who is the exhibit for?

The exhibit is designed to engage and entertain young people from kindergarten through fifth grade and their families.

Where will it be?

Most letters will be housed at ImaginOn (300 East 7th Street). A few letters will travel to various branch libraries in the PLCMC system. Watch the PLCMC website (www.plcmc.org) for branch details.

How long should we plan to visit?

It takes approximately 30 minutes to visit the entire exhibit. Some like to visit the exhibit. Others like to combine their exhibit visit with other ImaginOn programming. Check out www.imaginon.org to see what else is happening at ImaginOn.

How can I make arrangements to bring a group?

To request a weekday group visit via phone, please call the ImaginOn Reservation Line at (704) 973-2781. Or you may make an e-mail request (which includes your name, group name, phone number, TWO possible weekday dates and times you would like to visit with a group of 15-50 kids) to tosborne@imaginon.org. Groups larger than 50 can be accommodated, but work best with advance arrangements.

What special programs will be offered?

The following programs support the CONTRAPTIONS A-Z exhibit. Remember that visiting the exhibit is a self-guided program unto itself. So visit often and find something new each time.

L is for Letter Storytime

Tuesdays in February, March & April

Four and five year olds will enjoy this interactive story time encourages the exploration of letters through story and craft. For information or reservations, please call (704) 973-2720.

The Round @ ImaginOn

11am

The Alphabet Soup Theatre Group

Thursdays in March & April

Join the alphabet fun on the Story Lab stage each Thursday in March and April.

Alphabet stories come to life through theatre, storytelling and fun from A to Z. For information, please call (704) 973-2735.

ImaginOn Story Lab Stage

10am & 12 noon

P is for Preschool Picnic

Thursdays in February, March & April

Put the little one in the stroller, pack a lunch and join in for stories, songs and more!

Perfect for little ones ages 2-5 years. For information or reservations, please call (704) 973-

The Round @ ImaginOn

11:15am

2720.

B is for Boogie Woogie Books
Fridays & Saturdays
in February, March & April

This musical story time with some alphabetical twists encourages little ones to snap their fingers, tap their toes and move with the groove! The stories and activities are just right for children ages 2-5 years old. For information and reservations, please call (704) 973-2720.

The Round @ ImaginOn
11:15am (Fri.) & 11am (Sat.)

A-Z Puppets on Parade
Mondays February 18, March 17 & April 21

Join the alphabet antics of puppet performances, jokes, music, and fun! No reservations needed.

ImaginOn Story Lab Puppet Theatre
11:00am

Alphabet Detective Challenge

Pick up an **Alphabet Detective** sheet. Check out the *Contraptions A-Z* exhibit and answer all 26 detective challenges. Drop off your completed challenge sheet at the front desk and enter for a chance to win four free tickets to a Children's Theatre production in the 2008-09 season.

Everywhere!