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Updated 5/15: Children's museum brings exhibits to town

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Busy Brains Children's Museum, which plans to open in Lake County in late 2009, will bring its traveling exhibits to three local events in June. The exhibits are geared toward children up to age 10. Busy Brains will also provide an opportunity for volunteers to sign up for any of its four standing committees: marketing, fund-raising, finance and exhibits.

Busy Brains will be at the following events:

Libertyville Days -- Friday and Saturday June 13 and 14, Grayslake Farmer's Market -- Wednesday, June 25, Round Lake Streets of Summer -- Saturday, June 28.

Busy Brains Children's Museum plans to open Lake County's only children's museum and seeks to provide an environment where children, families and schools come together to discover their world through exhibits and programs in the areas of the arts, sciences and humanities.

"When the museum opens next year, families from the local community will be an important part of our success and we look forward to the opportunity of sharing our traveling exhibits with these parents and children," said Busy Brains President and Co-Founder Alison Price.

Busy Brains plans to open in late 2009 with 12,000 square feet, including 7,200 square feet of interactive exhibit galleries. Focus groups of teachers, parents, children and businesses have been conducted to help in the exhibit decision making process. Exhibits will be completely interactive and focus on topics of interest to Lake County families and visitors.

Currently, Busy Brains offers eight traveling rental exhibits geared toward birthday parties, schools, corporate events, day camps and family events including:

- Mystery of Flight (teaches about air flow and how airplanes stay aloft)
- Good Vibrations (discover how music uses sound waves to travel)
- Touch! See! Smell! Hear! (reinforces the concept of sense while learning new vocabulary)
- Zzrrrrmm! (uses washers and pipes to help kids understand gravity)
- Construct (work with PVC pipes and connectors to build structures)
- Rub a Dub (create pictures using a simple crayon)
- Pressures (harness air and water pressure to create a tornado and fountain)
- Excavation (pretend to be a truck driver and dig away at the kids table)

For more information about the museum, traveling exhibits or volunteer and fund-raising opportunities, visit www.busybrains.org or call (224) 381-0138.

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