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Chicago Children's Museum to receive federal grant for video documentary project

Museum will be recognized at Capitol Hill event next week

CHICAGO —[Chicago Children's Museum](#) (CCM) is receiving more than \$140,000 for a video documentary project that supports visitors as they recall, process and put value to their experiences during their visit to the museum. [The Institute of Museum and Library Services](#) (IMLS) announced today nearly \$30 million in grants to museums across the nation, including the award to CCM.

CCM's project, tentatively titled *Story Hub*, will engage museum visitors as they conversationally retell their museum visit experience. Once they return home, they can access and share this reflection.

"This is such an exciting project for CCM, and we sincerely thank The Institute of Museum and Library Services for this wonderful opportunity," said Jennifer Farrington, president and CEO of Chicago Children's Museum. "*Story Hub* will allow CCM to connect and interact with our visitors like never before. Visitors reflections can also guide exhibit development and provide a much deeper look at how visitors see, understand and value their experiences with Chicago Children's Museum."

IMLS Director Susan Hildreth will recognize the 2013 museum winners during a ceremony on Capitol Hill next week, highlighting successful applicants and awards. The event will showcase the many ways museums support learning experiences, serve as community anchors, and are stewards of cultural and scientific heritage.

"IMLS recognizes three valuable roles museums have in their communities: putting the learner at the center, serving as community anchors, and serving as stewards of cultural and scientific collections," said Hildreth. "It is exciting to see the many ways our newly announced grants further these important museum roles. I congratulate the slate of 2013 museum grant recipients for planning projects that advance innovation in museum practice, lifelong learning, and community engagement."

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About Chicago Children's Museum

The mission of Chicago Children's Museum is to improve children's lives by creating a community where play and learning connect. CCM is the only cultural institution in the city dedicated to young children and the important adults in their lives. Playful experiences, including more than 15 interactive exhibits, tap into how kids learn, and engage them at an early age so they develop a lifelong love of learning. Located at Navy Pier, Chicago's number one attraction at 700 E. Grand Ave., CCM is the final stop for CTA buses #29, #65, #66 and #124. For more information, please visit www.ChicagoChildrensMuseum.org.

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