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PRESS RELEASE

Museum's Exhibit Receives Highest Award

The Questioners: Read. Question. Think. PLAY! exhibit receives Illinois Association for Museums Award for Superior Achievement.

(Naperville, IL) The Illinois Association of Museums Award for Superior Achievement was presented to DuPage Children's Museum (DCM) for the exhibit, *The Questioners: Read. Question. Think. PLAY!* Museum staff worked with local author, Andrea Beaty, to turn her series of children's books into a traveling STEAM-focused exhibit. Judges were "blown away" by the creativity and vision of the exhibit.

The Superior Achievement Award recognizes achievements that are models for the profession and reach a greater audience than is normally reached by the nominating institution. Of special note from the judges, "Everything from navigating artistic rights to the creation of a six foot high stack of interactive pancakes contributed to making learning fun for children everywhere."

Based on the best-selling series of books by Andrea Beaty and illustrated by David Roberts, the imaginative world of Questioners characters Ada Twist, Scientist; Rosie Revere, Engineer; Iggy Peck, Architect; Sofia Valdez, Future Prez; and Aaron Slater, Illustrator come to life in DCM's exhibit *The Questioners: Read. Question. Think. PLAY!* Celebrating diversity, creativity, curiosity, bravery and resilience, this exhibit inspires a new generation of thinkers and dreamers through fun, interactive experiences.

DCM's Chief of Building & Making Kimberly Stull remarked, "The DCM team fell in love with Rosie Revere and all of the Questioners characters. Each story highlights problem-solving, communication, perseverance, risk-taking, and the role of caring adults in children's lives. These topics are the very core of children-- and adults --developing a lifelong love of learning and discovery."

In the exhibit questions are posed, challenges identified, and problem-solving begins. Children get to fly with Rosie in her Cheese Copter, ponder big questions from Ada's thinking chair, build a bridge to save the class with Iggy, lead a movement with Sofia while playing a game to create Citizen's Park, and more. The inquisitive characters promote personal empowerment, curiosity, and perseverance. With different abilities, races, ethnicities, genders, and upbringings, each character is uniquely capable and committed to their creative, STEAM-based pursuits. Their passions lead them to experiment, explore, fail, and try again. Through these bold characters, young children learn that math, science, art, and civic responsibility are for everyone, and failure is part of learning.

The Questioners: Read. Question. Think. PLAY! will be at DuPage Children's Museum in Naperville through August 31, 2022. In 2023 the exhibit will begin a nationwide tour of children's museums. To learn more about the exhibit and to plan a visit to DCM, go to dupagechildrens.org/questioners.

DCM thanks Tellabs Foundation and MOLEX for making *The Questioners: Read. Question. Think. PLAY!* possible.

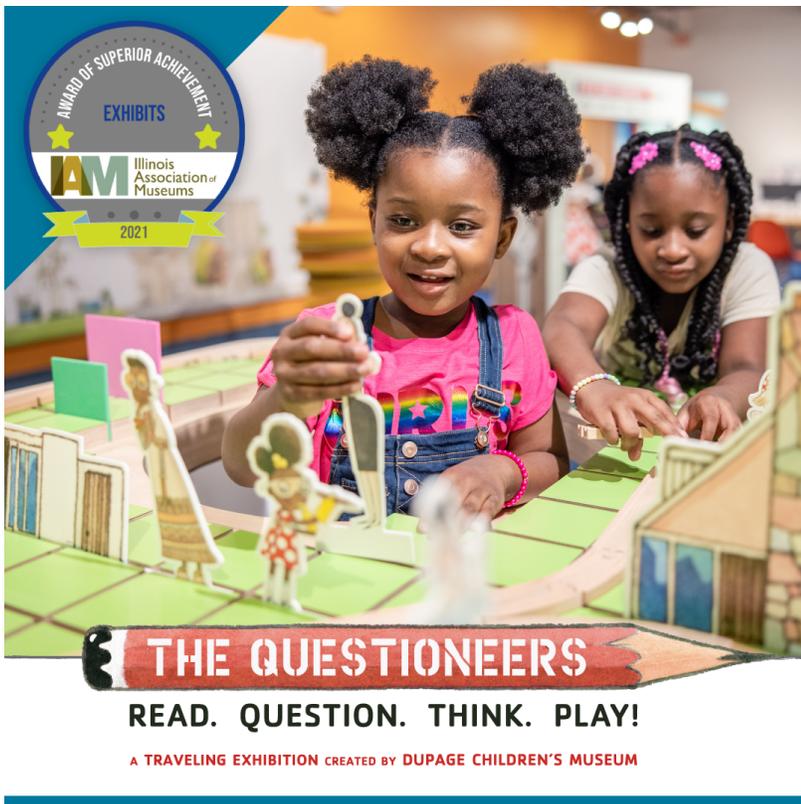
The Museum is located at 301 N. Washington Street in Naperville, Illinois, a quick walk from the Naperville Metra train station. Parking is free and the building is wheelchair accessible. For information, visit dupagechildrens.org, follow DCM on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter.

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About DuPage Children’s Museum

The Museum helps develop curiosity, creativity, thinking, and problem solving in young children through its mission to nurture joyful discovery and learning. Interactive exhibits and programs make learning fun for children and adults playing together. DCM serves over 300,000 visitors annually representing all 50 states and 575 zip codes in Illinois. DCM’s reach and support represent well beyond the Chicagoland area. The Museum’s impact extends across cultural, financial, and educational boundaries. DCM endeavors to ensure that all children thrive through access to extraordinary learning experiences. The Museum is located at 301 N. Washington Street in Naperville, www.dupagechildrens.org or call (630) 637-8000.





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