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## **Residents can visit Children's Museum free through local partnership**

**Charleston, SC** — Charleston County residents can now visit The Children's Museum of the Lowcountry for free through a new partnership launched with Charleston County Public Library. Beginning today, Library cardholders can check out a free, weeklong CML pass to enjoy and explore this local attraction.

Each of CCPL's sixteen branches will receive at least two passes that can be checked out by Charleston County Library members. Each family pass may be used to receive free admission into the Children's Museum for a family of up to six people within the same household for a period of seven days.

CML's mission is to spark imagination and stimulate curiosity for Lowcountry families, and this collaboration allows more families to visit the Museum and take advantage of a variety of educational opportunities they may not otherwise be able to access.

Nichole Myles, CML executive director, said the partnership lets the Museum better meet its goal of "introducing all of Charleston's youngest citizens to the power of play." She said it further strengthens the Museum's community partnerships, especially since both organizations are dedicated to providing educational opportunities to families in the area.

Cynthia Bledsoe, acting executive director of the library, praised the partnership as a great way to let local residents experience and enjoy all the educational opportunities offered by the Museum.

### **About the Children's Museum of the Lowcountry**

The Children's Museum of the Lowcountry is a 501 (c) (3) non-profit organization with a mission to engage young children's potential by inviting families of all backgrounds to explore environments and experiences that spark imagination and stimulate curiosity through the power of play. Open Tuesday – Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sundays from 12 p.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is \$12 per person, \$10 for SC Residents and free for Members and children less than 12 months of age. Qualified *Museums for All* families receive \$1 admission for up to six family members. For more information, visit the website – [exploreCML.org](http://exploreCML.org).

### **About the Charleston County Public Library**

Charleston County Public Library is a nationally award-winning library system with 16 branches providing services to residents throughout the county. Last year, the library had more than 1.75 million visitors who checked out in excess of 3.1 million items, and 205,000 people attended more than 6,650 library programs and events. For information about library locations, programs, materials and resources, check out the website – [www.ccpl.org](http://www.ccpl.org).