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Nano Exhibit from Port Discovery Children’s Museum’s Opens at Essex Library

Baltimore, MD (February 6, 2017) – Port Discovery and the Baltimore County Public Library, Essex Branch, are excited to announce the opening of the Nano mini-exhibit, now on display at the Essex Branch of the Baltimore County Library through the end of April.

Nano features hands-on activities that invite visitors to examine the world of nanoscale science, engineering and technology for family audiences. Through the exhibit, visitors can work together to build a giant model of a carbon nanotube, try a series of interactive challenges, and learn about the effects of static electricity and gravity.

“We are thrilled to bring Port Discovery’s **Nano** exhibit to Essex so that more families can explore the world of very small,” said Nora Thompson, Director of Education at Port Discovery. “Children who explore this exhibit can build giant models of nanotubes, test magnetic nanoparticles, and learn about everyday nano products.”



“The **Nano** exhibit helps children learn about Science, Technology, Engineering & Math (STEM) concepts in a fun, playful way – and about a science that they may one day use to develop new technologies like better, safer cancer treatment and cheaper, more efficient solar power. As part of our *Museum on the Move* program, this exhibit also plays an important role in helping Port Discovery reach children and families who otherwise may not have seen the exhibit or visited Port Discovery,” according to Thompson.

Nano was produced by the Nanoscale Informal Science Education Network (NISE Network) and opened at Port Discovery in 2011. The Essex Branch is the Nano exhibits third travel location and was made possible through the longstanding relationship between Port Discovery and the Baltimore County Commission on Arts and Sciences.

Visit www.whatisnano.org for more information via digital media, video, podcasts, and more! An audio description for blind and low vision museum visitors is available at whatisnano.org/ad, which may be downloaded at any time.

Like the **Nano** exhibit, Port Discovery is introducing their **Here We Grow** exhibit to the *Museum on the Move* program, starting with an exhibit at Robinson Nature Center in Howard County, Maryland that is now open and will be on display through July 2017. This exhibit explores modern agriculture and introduces children to farm processes, products and people through the themes of science and technology, history, local ecology, global economics and art. As is typical of Port Discovery's exhibits, **Here We Grow** features a number of hands-on activities including a milking game, area to build "farming tools", and more!

About Port Discovery Children's Museum

As the premier children's museum in the mid-Atlantic, Port Discovery Children's Museum educates children and inspires life-long curiosity. Our play-to-learn philosophy opens the door for children to discover and explore the world around them and to lead smarter, healthier, more engaged lives. The Museum, a 501(c)(3) non-profit institution, offers 3 floors of educational, interactive exhibits and programs and is ranked among the Top 10 Children's Museums in the United States by Fodor's Travel, Forbes and Parents Magazine. Port Discovery has served over 5 million visitors to date. To learn more, visit portdiscovery.org.

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