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## ***Explore Technology on a CyberSafari*** **New Exhibit Opens at The Children's Museum**

WEST HARTFORD, Dec. 17, 2008 – The Children's Museum has opened an exciting new exhibit, CyberSafari, a computer lab just for kids. The computer programs offered in CyberSafari cover a variety of fun science topics including animals, life science, dinosaurs, meteorology, and simple machines.

Ten new computer workstations, located in a new glass-walled room in the Museum's Kids' Corner, offer children the chance to use educational software and explore computers in a safe, age-appropriate atmosphere. The CyberSafari software provides student-centered, imaginative learning opportunities and goes hand-in-hand with the Museum's other exhibits. Kids learn science through simulation, such as creating natural environments and populating them with animals and plants, or building helicopters, boats and other machines.

"We knew this mix of fun and learning would be popular with kids. What we did not expect was the number of parents and other caregivers who are excited about being able to preview and learn more about educational computer products to buy for children. Those are the kind of connections we like to make here," said Kevin Sullivan, President and CEO of The Children's Museum.

Examples of programs:

- SimPark – populate a park with animals and plants to learn about ecology and habitats
- V-labs Electricity – building circuits to learn how electricity makes lights and machines work
- Galaxy Explorer – exploring stars and planets to learn about astronomy
- Workshop – building helicopters and ships to learn about engineering

The renovation of the CyberSafari space was made possible by the **Ahearn Family Foundation**.  
Computer hardware was donated by **KeyLynx Technologies**.

The Ahearn Family Foundation, located in Manchester, Conn., was established in 1994 to assist specific needs of programs that serve the poor, support the arts, and enhance education.

KeyLynx Technologies, located in East Hartford, Conn., provides complete installation of computers, networking, servers, upgrades and repairs throughout Connecticut and Western Massachusetts. More information is available at [www.keylynx.com](http://www.keylynx.com).

The Children's Museum offers hands-on science exhibits, live animals, out-of-this-world digital planetarium shows, and programs for younger children and families. With over 210,000 visitors annually, it is one of Connecticut's top museum attractions. The Children's Museum is located at 950 Trout Brook Drive in West Hartford. More information is available at [www.TheChildrensMuseumCT.org](http://www.TheChildrensMuseumCT.org).

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**The Grand Opening of CyberSafari on December 6, 2008**

(back row, l-r) David Dumais, President and Owner of KeyLynx Technologies; Glenn Cunningham, Trustee of The Children's Museum; Megabyte the Lion; Tom Anderson, IT Manager at The Children's Museum (front row) Reeve Cunningham



Parents and children can work together at problem-solving in the CyberSafari exhibit in The Children's Museum in West Hartford.



Guests can play student-centered, imaginative learning games at the CyberSafari exhibit at The Children's Museum in West Hartford.