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**Children's Museum of Denver partners with Alliance Française de Denver
to offer monthly language classes for children**

French language and culture lessons are specifically designed for early learners

Denver, CO – Today, Monday, February 23 at 11:30 a.m. kicks-off the beginning of a four-part series of French language classes at the Children's Museum of Denver. Titled as a StoryTime with Alliance Française de Denver, instructors from the Alliance will engage children with a French song, story and hands-on activity.

The StoryTimes, in addition to being conducted primarily in French, offer children a look at different festivals, holidays and everyday life in France. Each 30-minute program will present a new curriculum and focus on different aspects of French language and culture.

"Children are natural language-learners," said Laura Berman, Marketing and Development Manager at the Alliance Française. "Our instructors, Anne and Sabine, bring over fourteen years of experience teaching French to children. They delight in sharing the language along with stories and traditions from their native France with children at the Children's Museum. We are so excited about this partnership."

Educators at Children's Museum of Denver are dedicated to offering cultural immersion classes to Colorado's youngest children and were eager to partner with the Alliance on these programs.

"Together, we are able to offer a unique experience for young children to learn about the beautiful French language and grow a lifelong love of French culture," said Erika Weiss, Education Programs Manager at Children's Museum of Denver.

The StoryTimes are included with Museum admission and no previous experience with French is necessary.

StoryTime with Alliance Française de Denver Schedule:

- **Monday, February 23 at 11:30 a.m. – photo op TODAY.**
- Friday, March 13 at 2:30 p.m.
- Monday, April 13 at 11:30 a.m.
- Friday, May 8 at 2:30 p.m.

About the Children's Museum of Denver:

The Children's Museum of Denver believes in kid-powered learning. Every day, expertly designed exhibits and programs open doors for Colorado's curious young minds to express what they know and to discover, create and explore more - on their own terms.

Since 1973, the Children's Museum of Denver has served the metro-Denver community as a learning institute dedicated to the education and growth of young children, newborn through age 8, and their caregivers. The Museum provides rich play experiences and a dynamic learning environment for children to joyously learn through innovative and interactive Playscapes (hands-on exhibits), engaging daily programming and year-round special events. Last year, they served more than 359,000 children and their grown-ups.

The Museum is currently under construction on a \$16 million expansion to create a 9-acre campus and new experiences; doubling the size of the current facility. The expansion is slated for completion fall 2015.

The Children's Museum of Denver is a 501(c)(3), private non-profit organization, and a Tier II SCFD member.

About Alliance Française de Denver:

The Alliance Française de Denver, a French school and cultural center founded in 1897, endures as one of the oldest nonprofits in the Rocky Mountain region. It is part of a global network of over 800 chapters in 137 countries founded in Paris by Louis Pasteur and Jules Verne. The mission of the Alliance Française de Denver is to encourage the study of the French language and culture, and to foster cultural, intellectual, artistic and friendly exchanges between the French-speaking world and our local community.

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