KIDSPACE INTRODUCES NEW 8-WEEK SERIES:
STEAMING THROUGH SUMMER

PASADENA, CA. (JUNE 6, 2018) – School might be out for the summer, but Kidspace Children’s Museum will keep steaming! STEAMing through Summer, featuring the first annual Kidspace Summer Book Club, is an 8-week series that seeks to improve retention and create new learning opportunities in fun and interactive ways. Weekly programming and partnerships will explore Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math. In addition to STEAM programming, there will also be an emphasis on Imagination, Nature, and Green initiatives. Literacy will serve as the thread that connects each week.

KidSpace has partnered with the Pasadena Public Library to provide a suggested reading list that coincides with the themes. The recommended children’s reading list will be appropriate for a variety of ages. Each week will conclude with an actual Book Club gathering at Kidspace for participants to share out creatively about the book(s) they have read. Children will have an opportunity to earn a themed button each week. The series will culminate on August 5 as children move full-STEAM ahead into the next school year.

“We are excited to work with community partners in bringing kid-driven activities to our STEAMing through Summer series,” Michael Shanklin Kidspace Chief Executive Officer. “We believe in nurturing the potential of all children and summer is an important time to continue fostering their education.”

On Saturday, June 9, Kidspace will celebrate the launch of STEAMing through Summer with a kick-off event at the children’s museum. Guests will have the opportunity to learn about the first annual Kidspace Book Club, the great outdoors, and meet the GEM Sisters. The GEM Sisters will conduct a book reading at 1:00pm and will be available for a meet and greet afterwards. The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California will be onsite from 11:00am to 3:00pm to promote the importance of water conservation. Rolling Robots will present their Battling Bots in the amphitheater and a 5-foot tall robot controlled by kids. Register to build your own take home robot for an additional $15 at: http://bit.ly/BuildRobots

**Week 1: Science| June 11 to June 17**
Discover the principles of physics with 12 hand-on exhibits, visit the ball drop launcher in Physics Forest to observe gravitational acceleration and the transfer of energy from one ball to another, and earn research points in the Nature Exchange. Featured Science Program & Performance: On Saturday, June 16 at 1:30pm author Susan Lendoth will read and autograph her new book, "Hey-Ho, to Mars We'll Go!" Come one, come all on Sunday, June 17 at 1:00pm, to witness this amazing
master of circus skills, all accomplished using the principles of physics. The Fantastick Patrick Show is an explosion of comedy and incredible tricks.

**Week 2: Technology | June 18 to June 24**
Explore the backdrop lights in Storyteller Studio, marvel at the water animation of the Splash Dance fountains, and visit the Imagination Workshop for Technology Tuesday to explore electronics, circuits, and robotics. Featured Technology Program: On Friday, June 22, Magikid Robotics will host a brick structure building competition, provide coding opportunities to guide Wonder Workshop's Dash through the maze, and facilitate robot building activities.

**Week 3: Engineering | June 25 to July 1**
Engineering opportunities await as you create river channels and sand castles in the Floor & Erosion Plain, construct your very own raceway at Roller Coaster, and start building with the blue blocks at I-Play. Featured Engineering Activity: On Saturday, June 30 discover your inner architect by helping to build a Kidspace Metropolis. Build, play and pretend to your imagination's delight by turning ordinary cardboard into an intricate Cardboard City. We'll provide the cardboard and tools and you provide the vision. Engineer your own toy with the help of ArtCenter College of Design from 11:00am to 3:00pm.

**Week 4: Art | July 2 to July 8**
Express yourself by creating a song at Pepper Tree Music Jam, make a unique art piece at Mud & Clay, and put on a show at Storyteller Studio. Featured Art Visit: On Sunday, July 8 at 12:00pm meet children’s book illustrator Eren Unten in the Stone Hollow Amphitheater for a special story reading from some of the books she has illustrated. Eren is an accomplished illustrator with clients that include: Hasbro Inc., Disney, Nickelodeon, and Penguin Random House. Come enjoy a meet and greet with Eren, get an understanding of her artistic process, and what it is like to be an illustrator.

**Week 5: Math | July 9 to July 15**
Count your way through Kidspace. How many steps to the top of the Raindrop Climber, how many eggs in the ant hole, or create a pattern on the Storyteller Studio activity wall? Featured Math Activity & Performance: Make your own magical, Mathematical Potion Making in Arroyo Adventure! Enjoy a music and math performance by Rumbling Rhythms on Saturday, July 14, 1:00pm.

**Week 6: Imagination | July 16 to July 22**
Be transported to an imaginative world as you dress up to “take flight” at Arroyo Adventure's Hawk's Nest, join story time at Hidden Forts at 2:15pm daily, and participate in the first annual Kidspace Book Club where we will explore a new theme each week.
Featured Imagination Performance: On Sunday, July 22 at 1:00pm enjoy "The Really Awesome Improv Show," performed by the improv artists of Second City Hollywood. The show features games that relies on audience suggestions and participation. It's great for the whole family and was voted "Best Kids' comedy Show" by Los Angeles Magazine.

Week 7: Nature | July 23 to July 29
Enjoy the many outdoor learning experiences that Kidspace has to offer. Stop by Harvest Corner to explore our seasonal crop, investigate the native plantings in Arroyo Adventure, and learn about our live animal collection in the Nature Exchange. Featured Nature Program: The Los Angeles Zoo & Botanical Gardens is coming to Kidspace on Saturday, July 28. Learn about animals through biofacts and a hands on activity from 11:00am to 3:00pm. Go on a Nature Walk through Arroyo Adventure, and visit us during our Animal Encounter.

Week 8: Green | July 30 to August 4
Go GREEN at Kidspace as you learn about the water cycle at the Arroyo Adventure bridge and visit the water bottle re-filling station to stay hydrated and view the green counter to see the number of plastic bottles saved from waste by utilizing reusable bottles. Featured Green Program: Learn the importance of water conservation from The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California on Saturday, August 4 with a virtual reality aqueduct tour and a bracelet activity. Also, take part in our first annual book exchange to conclude STEAMing through Summer.

ABOUT KIDSPACE
Kidspace Children’s Museum is located at 480 N. Arroyo Blvd., in Brookside Park, Pasadena, CA on 3.5 acres of both indoor and outdoor, interactive environments. The museum features over 40 hands-on exhibits with daily programs and monthly events for children ages 1 to 10. The mission of Kidspace is to nurture the potential of all children through kid-driven experiences, inspiring them to become joyful, active learners. Admission is $14 for adults and children. Free for children under one year. For more information, visit kidspacemuseum.org.

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