

# Press Release

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## International Early Childhood Educator to Discuss Value of Learning Partnerships

(Naperville, IL) – Curiosity, exploration and problem-solving are vital components of life-long learning, according to an international leader in early childhood education who will discuss her views on Thursday, Jan. 22, during a “Just for Grown Ups” speaker series for adults hosted by DuPage Children’s Museum.

"Nurture Learning By Developing Children's Innate Dispositions: An Evening with International Leader in Early Childhood Education, Lilian Katz, Ph.D" will be held at Tellabs, 1415 West Diehl Road, Naperville, (on the northwest corner of Diehl and Raymond roads) from 7 – 8:30 p.m. The presentation has been underwritten through the generosity of Door to Door Direct.

According to Dr. Katz, parents can apply what they already know to develop an active learning partnership with their children. She has been helping parents and teachers for more than 30 years to recognize and support the inextricable connection between knowledge, skills and dispositions in young children so that they become lifelong learners.

Dr. Katz taught at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign for more than three decades and has lectured in all 50 states and in 43 countries. She is currently the principal investigator for the Illinois Early Learning Project and continues to lecture and consult around the world. Her new book, *Intellectual Emergencies*, is expected to be available in January 2009.

Tickets purchased in advance are \$15 per member and \$20 per non-member. Tickets purchased the day of the presentation are \$20 per member and \$25 per non-member. Those purchasing tickets at the event must have proof of membership to secure member rates. To register, call (630) 637-8000, ext. 0.

Parents and educators who wish to submit questions in advance for the speaker may do so by visiting the DuPage Children’s Museum blog “How Learning Comes in to Play!” at [www.childrensmuseumblog.blogspot.com](http://www.childrensmuseumblog.blogspot.com).

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DuPage Children's Museum helps develop curiosity, creativity, thinking and problem solving in young children via interactive exhibits and programs that make learning fun for children and adults playing together.

The Museum is located at 301 N. Washington Street in Naperville, Illinois, a quick walk from the Naperville Metra train station. Parking is free, and the building is wheelchair accessible.

DuPage Children's Museum is a top Chicago area cultural attraction *where learning comes in to play™!* For information about hours, museum admission, and membership packages, visit [www.dupagechildrensmuseum.org](http://www.dupagechildrensmuseum.org) or call (630) 637-8000.

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