

The Louisiana Children's Museum's Early Learning Village

New Orleans City Park

The Louisiana Children's Museum (LCM) is in the process of impacting the GNO community in a grand way with a major new Early Learning Village campus in New Orleans City Park. A number of years in the making, LCM has designed the 58,000 sq. ft. space and is currently developing layout and exhibit details. The museum has raised a significant amount of public and private funding from major sponsors and will launch a public campaign in late 2015. LCM has signed a long term Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with New Orleans City Park. Also they were pleased to have received a significant gift from the Patrick Taylor Foundation in the amount of \$1 million dollars towards the museum's goals. LCM's ever exuberant CEO Julia Bland noted, **"construction**



will begin in early 2016 and the grand opening is anticipated for late 2017, just before the 300th Anniversary of New Orleans!"



LCM has a long standing impact on our local community. LCM opened their bright blue doors on Julia Street in the Warehouse District in 1986, two years after the World's Fair. The area is now an art haven with perhaps some of the exhibitors getting their start in the Art Lab at LCM. In 28 years, they have seen the area grow up around

them and have been a vital learning resource for children on the local and regional level, as well as being a big attraction for tourists visiting New Orleans.

122,000 people attended the Louisiana Children's Museum last year.