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Two New Exhibits Are Coming to the Sciencenter in January

Attack of the Bloodsuckers! and the New York Natives Animal Room Open this Month

Ithaca, New York – The Sciencenter welcomes two exciting additions this month with the opening of the museum’s new featured exhibition, Attack of the Bloodsuckers, and the brand new New York Natives live animal room.

Bloodsuckers will invade on January 9 at the opening weekend of the Sciencenter’s new featured exhibition, Attack of the Bloodsuckers! Come explore the science of what bites you and examine the what, why, when, and how of mosquitoes, fleas, ticks, leeches and other parasites. Jump into the Mosquito Cockpit where you’ll play the role of a mosquito looking for a bite

to eat and discover how body heat and CO2 help mosquitoes locate their next meal. Guests can also view live leeches and try to figure out which end is the biting end while watching them feed. Attack of the Bloodsuckers! also gives guests an up close look at bloodsuckers from around the world including a vampire bat, sea lamprey, and a bloodsucking species of bird from the Galapagos.



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The community is invited to explore Attack of the Bloodsuckers! and the new exhibit-related floor activities on opening weekend, Saturday, January 9, 10am – 5pm, and Sunday, January 10, 12pm – 5pm. The exhibition is included with regular museum admission. This exhibition was developed by the Environmental Exhibit Collaborative with funding by Jane’s Trust, the Cabot Family Trust, and the Institute of Museum and Library Services.

Then on January 16, come get unique view of the incredible creatures who call the Finger Lakes region “home” at the opening of the Sciencenter’s new New York Natives animal room. Located within the museum’s Saltonstall Animal Room, this new space contains four different live animal enclosures including a 400-gallon tank featuring fish found in Cayuga Lake, a pond habitat housing local reptiles and amphibians, a Spotted Salamander habitat, and an Eastern Newt exhibit.

With a focus on conservation, the New York Natives gallery aims to introduce guests to animals found in their own backyard. Additionally, nearly every element of the new space is custom-built using materials found locally in the Finger Lakes region – from cabinetry made of native ash to rock walls built with locally sourced stone.

The New York Natives animal room addition is part of the Sciencenter’s current capital campaign, Curious, Confident, Inspired.

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