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New Sciencenter Exhibit Aims To Teach Through Play

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Have you ever wondered about the inner workings of some of your favorite, classic toys? An exhibit opening at the Sciencenter this week and developed by the Montshire Museum of Science in Norwich, Vermont will show you how.

Toys: The Inside Story, an exhibit opening January 7 at the Sciencenter isn't all fun and games: it's experiential learning at its finest. With different hands on stations highlighting the five primary components of toys – pulleys, cams, gears, linkages and circuits - the exhibit offers opportunities to experiment with simple and complex mechanisms, like working pulley systems to draw a picture using a giant Etch A Sketch® or operating a Hungry Hippo® to see out how linkages create complex movements. Guests can even create their own toy-like combinations to better learn how these machines make all the fun possible.

The exhibit opens to the public this weekend, Saturday, Jan. 7 at 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and is included with regular museum admission. Sunday, Jan. 8 is also Free Sunday at the Sciencenter; admission is free for everyone 12 p.m. to 5 p.m.