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Muscatine Art Center to host *Go Figure!* traveling exhibit

Storybooks present enjoyable, meaningful, interactive math explorations to children and adults in *Go Figure!*--a national traveling exhibit that opens at the Muscatine Art Center on Saturday, August 5, 2017. *Go Figure!* transforms charming children's books into a kid-sized world where children and adults can have fun exploring math with familiar characters such as Arthur, Frog and Toad, and Goldilocks and Three Bears. Each of the five colorful larger-than-life books in the exhibit includes a math-related activity such as measuring, weighing, or sorting, along with labels to guide parents. Featured books are *Arthur's Pet Business*, *The Doorbell Rang*, *The Quilt*, *Frog and Toad Are Friends: A Lost Button*, and *Goldilocks and the Three Bears*.

The exhibit promotes books, libraries and family reading as tools for children to learn math. "Using well-known children's books, *Go Figure!* offers our community wonderful experiences with simple math in a way that appeals to young children" states Muscatine Art Center Program Coordinator, Teresa Stenstrup. She continues, "Children ages two to seven years old and their parents or caregivers will enjoy the engaging graphics and hands on activities."

Go Figure! will be on display on the middle floor of the Stanley Gallery from August 5th through November 5th. The public is invited to join the Muscatine Art Center for National Live Creative Day which celebrates taking the time to invent, discover and dream. During the Thursday, September 14 event, guests will spark their creativity in the *Go Figure!* exhibition and explore math related concepts with a studio project offered from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.

Go Figure! is an interactive exhibit that opened at Minnesota Children's Museum in January 2000 and is traveling around the country. Created by Minnesota Children's Museum, St. Paul, Minnesota, the traveling exhibit is made possible, in part, through a major grant from the National Science Foundation (NSF).

The Muscatine Art Center is located at 1314 Mulberry Avenue in Muscatine, Iowa. Hours are Tuesday through Friday from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Thursday evenings until 7:00 p.m., and Saturday and Sunday from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. Admission is free. Donations are appreciated.

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