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The Works Museum hosts 5th annual Girl Time family STEM day

On Saturday, September 21, The Works Museum will host their fifth annual Girl Time event. At this STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) day, girls and their families will experience the work of women engineers first-hand. Kids can make their own take-home projects, try dozens of hands-on activities, and see engineering demos up close.

This event is part of The Works Museum's initiative to inspire girls to pursue engineering. Today women are still underrepresented in STEM fields, and only 13% of the engineering workforce is made up of women. At Girl Time, girls can connect with female role models and hear their stories; how they got started, what they love about their work, and what inspires them. From mixing slime to building circuits, families can spend the day exploring, learn about local STEM opportunities for girls, and dream up ideas for building a better world.

"Girl Time is all about introducing girls to STEM in a way that inspires them," says Kit Wilhite, Director of Education at The Works Museum. "By meeting women and students in these fields, girls can picture themselves as engineers and scientists. Our goal is that they'll spend the day having fun, and leave excited about their futures."

Activity Examples:

- Learn about circuitry and build a flashlight
- Explore how electric and acoustic sound is created
- Mix your own slime
- Make balloon-powered hovercrafts
- Engineer catapults and marshmallow bridges
- Design a magnet detection device

What: Girl Time - The Works Museum's special event for girls and their families, featuring hands-on activities and demonstrations from women engineers and students in STEM fields.

Who: Perfect for girls ages 5-14 and their families - boys also welcome. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

When: Saturday, September 21 | 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Where: The Works Museum, 9740 Grand Ave S., Bloomington, MN, 55420

Cost: Advance tickets \$9/Day of event \$12/Members FREE

More: Visit theworks.org for more details or call 952-888-4262

ABOUT THE WORKS MUSEUM: The Works Museum is all about hands-on engineering and design for kids and families. It serves more than 75,000 children, families, and educators annually, inspiring the next generation of innovators, engineers, and creative problem-solvers.

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