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Train-themed Children's Room now open at Kirkwood Public Library

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Young readers can enjoy their favorite books inside a new four-car train in Kirkwood Public Library's recently renovated Children's Room, which reopened April 8. The new atmosphere echoes the community's ties to the railroad, with a roundhouse-inspired librarian's desk, a preschool area that's designed to look like the historic Downtown Kirkwood train station, railroad track carpeting and light-up railroad track crossings.

The Children's Room also now features new technology, including a Makerspace with 3D printer, a MotionMagix interactive floor projector, a smart table for preschoolers and computers for tweens. Patrons will also find a bookstore-style layout, expanded categories for juvenile fiction and a section dedicated to parenting resources.

The renovations were made possible by donations from the Earl E. Walker and Myrtle E. Walker Foundation, and Mary E. Walker. The Edward Chase Garvey Foundation also awarded a grant for the project.

Kirkwood Public Library is located at 140 E. Jefferson Ave., Kirkwood, MO, 63122. For more information, call 314-821-5770, ext. 1015.



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