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Anythink Opens The Studio at Anythink Wright Farms

*New digital learning lab provides teens with opportunity to
explore state-of-the-art technology*

THORNTON, Colo.—March 6, 2013 – Serving as a national prototype for the [Institute of Museum and Library Services](#) learning labs project, Anythink celebrates the opening of [The Studio at Anythink Wright Farms](#), a digital learning lab for teens.

The Studio at Anythink Wright Farms is the latest addition to Anythink’s overall approach to hands-on, participatory learning. It joins The Studio at Anythink Brighton, [the district’s first makerspace](#), in promoting creativity through exploration. The Studio at Anythink Wright Farms serves as a designated space for teens to interact with technology, using the “hanging out, messing around, geeking out” ([HoMaGo](#)) learning philosophy. HoMaGo, an approach based on research of how youth learn in relation to digital media, encourages students to play, explore and connect with personal passions in order to get the most out of their digital learning experience.

To help guide the students through this learning process, creative community members known as Artists in Residence will mentor teens in The Studio. Anythink Artists in Residence play a valuable role at The Studio by implementing innovative workshops that allow for hands-on exploration, critical thinking and collaboration. These mentors help teens to translate the equipment and software at The Studio into real-life application, helping make the connection between media creation and learning.

The Studio at Anythink Wright Farms will include state-of-the-art equipment and software for audio, video, gaming, photography and digital design. Featured equipment includes an audio recording studio, green screen, HD cameras and lighting kits for photography and videography.

“Anythink is a space of learning, engagement and participation for our community,” says Anythink Director Pam Sandlian-Smith. “The Studio is a perfect match to help us further this idea. It brings such delightful opportunities for exploring and discovering new media.”

Media are invited to join Anythink at the grand opening of The Studio at Anythink Wright Farms on April 12 from 4-7 pm. More details regarding the grand opening will follow in coming weeks.

The Studio is made possible from a \$100,000 grant funded by the Institute for Museum and Library Services and the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation. Anythink is one of the first 12 museums and libraries in the U.S. to receive this grant.

About Anythink™

Anythink is a new style of library – a place of unlimited imagination, where play inspires creativity and lifelong learning. Rangeview Library District serves the residents of Adams County with seven Anythink libraries and Anythink in Motion – the district’s mobile library – and is one of the recipients of the 2010 National Medal of Museum and Library Service from the Institute of Museum and Library Services. For more information, go to anythinklibraries.org.

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