THORNTON, Colo.–September 7, 2012–On Monday, Sept. 24, community members are invited to celebrate the opening of Anythink’s first Nature Explore Classroom from 6-7:30 pm at Anythink Wright Farms. This beautiful outdoor space will give children a creative outlet to connect with the natural world through activities like climbing, building, performing and exploring. Additionally, the classroom’s natural environment and materials will spark children’s curiosity and imagination while complementing the programs and experiences inside the library.

A special Music and Movement is scheduled outside in the Nature Explore performance area featuring music from Tom Cornwell, whose fun songs about bugs will get children dancing and learning about all kinds of insects.

“At almost two years of fundraising, research and development, we’re excited to see our first Nature Explore Classroom become a reality,” says Anythink Director Pam Sandlian Smith. “We can’t wait to formally introduce this magical space to the community. Watching children of all ages interact with nature is the perfect extension of library learning spaces.”

Funding of the Nature Explore Classroom was made possible through support from Adams County Open Space, the Wright Farms Metropolitan District, the Anythink Foundation and other generous donors in the community.

Nature Explore is a joint program run by the Arbor Day Foundation and the Dimensions Educational Research Foundation. Through direct observation of children in the spaces, the Dimensions Foundation has documented enhanced skill development in many areas, including math, art, science, language and socialization.

In the future, Anythink plans to build Nature Explore classrooms at some of its other libraries in Adams County. To date, more than 130 certified Nature Explore classrooms have been built in North America, with hundreds more sites around the nation seeking certification.
EVENT DETAILS

*Nature Explore Classroom Debut at Anythink Wright Farms*

**Monday, Sept. 24, 6-7:30 pm**

*Anythink Wright Farms*
5877 E. 120th Ave.
Thornton, CO 80602
303-405-3200

Free and open to the public. Light refreshments will be served.

**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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