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Subject: The Children's Museum at La Habra as a California finalist for the 2014 National Medal for Museum and Library Service

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Today in Washington D.C., the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) announced The Children's Museum at La Habra as a National Medal for Museum and Library Service finalist. Finalists are chosen because of their significant and exceptional contributions to their communities. The Children's Museum at La Habra, known for rich history providing hands-on-learning within elementary school age youth, is one of fifteen national finalists in the Museum category, and the only California Museum finalist of 2014.

IMLS is encouraging community members who have visited these institutions to share their story and personal impact regarding The Children's Museum at La Habra on the IMLS Facebook page, www.facebook.com/USIMLS. These stories will influence the IMLS in their decision of the National Medal for Museum and Library Service winners that will be announced this spring.

"Museums and libraries serve as civic gathering places, bringing together individuals in pursuit of educational resources, community connections, skills development, and multifaceted lifelong learning," said Susan Hildreth. "This year's National Medal finalists illustrate the many ways museums and libraries can excite lifelong learning and civic engagement."

The National Medal, the nation's highest honor conferred on museums and libraries for service to the community, will be celebrating its 20th year of saluting institutions that make a difference for individuals, families, and communities. Medal finalists are selected from nationwide nominations of institutions that demonstrate innovative approaches to public service, exceeding the expected levels of community outreach.

To learn more about the 2014 National Medal finalists, visit www.ims.gov/medals.

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