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Gainesville's Cade Museum sparks local buying power Thanksgiving weekend

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GAINESVILLE, FLA.— Sparking wonder with holiday sparkle, the Cade Museum for Creativity and Invention will feature ingenious gift options (at a discount!) to commemorate Black Friday, Small Business Saturday, and Museum Store Sunday in the museum's Loot Lab gift shop.

The Cade will slash prices by 30% for the Black Friday Sale on Nov. 26. On Small Business Saturday, Nov. 27, and Museum Store Sunday, Nov. 28, Loot Lab items will be discounted by 20%.

From stocking stuffers to souvenirs to Hanukkah and birthday gifts, the Cade's Loot Lab offers colorful, humorous science-themed home décor items, kitchen uniquities, apparel, and games. Parents can browse junior scientist accessories like beakers and microscopes. Sensory-enhanced puzzles, mazes and blocks stimulate creativity and help kids with coordination and spatial recognition. Novelty items, jewelry, tote bags, magnets, mugs and other giftables share shelf space with books for all ages.

The Cade also offers truly unique gifts created or embellished in-house. As a science and technology museum, the Cade houses 3D printers, laser cutters, and more in its Fabrication (Fab) Lab and uses those tools to make some Loot Lab items.

Visitors are welcome to visit the gift shop during museum hours and admission tickets are not required to shop.

The Black Friday weekend sales are the culmination of exciting events leading up to Thanksgiving. The preceding weekend, the museum will participate in the Alachua County Farm Bureau Food and Agriculture Festival on Saturday, Nov. 20. There will be vendors, food trucks, free admission to the Cade Museum and more. Visit facebook.com/AlachuaYFR for details.

Thanksgiving week kicks off with Cade Camps on Monday, Nov. 22 through Wednesday, Nov. 24. The camp for grades K-2 will be "Creative Crystals," in which campers will learn how crystals are formed and how they are used in technology like computers and watches. The camp for grades 3-6 will be "Rube Goldberg" about chain reaction machines. Visit cademuseum.org/camps for more details.





The museum will be closed on Thanksgiving Day and will resume normal operating hours on Friday (Friday, 12 p.m. – 5 p.m., Saturday-Sunday, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.). Little Sparks and Story Time will be offered at their normal times, 10:15am on Saturday and Sunday respectively.

To find out more about the Cade Museum's events, visit <u>cademuseum.org</u>.

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About the Cade Museum: The Cade Museum for Creativity and Invention, a museum in Gainesville, Florida is committed to transforming communities by inspiring and equipping future inventors, entrepreneurs, and visionaries. The Cade offers unique hands-on programming for children designed to spark imagination and inspire creativity. The Cade's programs also help to build bridges to the innovation economy for those without access, low-income families, underserved communities, and those needing assistance to access education and start on a career path to fulfill their dreams. To learn more about the Cade Museum's mission, visit cademuseum.org. Located at 811 S Main St., the Cade's hours of operation are Thursday-Friday, noon - 5 p.m. and Saturday-Sunday, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

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