ImaginOn: Site of Wednesday White House Event

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ImaginOn: The Joe and Joan Martin Center, home of the award-winning Spangler Children's Library and Teen Loft Library and the Children's Theatre of Charlotte will host a White House event featuring President Barack Obama on Wednesday, April 15.

On Tuesday, April 14, the Spangler Children's Library will be closed for event set-up, with limited access to books and materials. Customers will be directed to alternate locations within the building for Storytimes and other programming. Access to the Teen Loft and other unreserved spaces will still be available for regular services. All Children's Theatre events will proceed as normal.

To accommodate the event, ImaginOn will be closed to the public all day on Wednesday, April 15. All events and classes in the building for both the Library and Children's Theatre will be suspended that day. After the event, Children's Theatre OnStage rehearsals and other Children's Theatre evening activities will proceed. The Library will remain closed.

Both the Library and Children's Theatre will resume normal business hours on Thursday, April 16.

We apologize to our customers for the inconvenience of the closure, and hope that this week's event will be a positive experience for all parties involved. Please note: This event is coordinated by the White House.

About ImaginOn: The Joe & Joan Martin Center[™] ImaginOn: The Joe & Joan Martin Center[™] is a oneof-a-kind youth destination and 102,000-square-foot facility located in Charlotte, NC in the heart of the cultural arts district. This collaborative effort between the Charlotte Mecklenburg Library and Children's Theatre of Charlotte was recently ranked by Livability.com as the No. 1 children's library in the United States.

The facility is visited by more than 300,000 people annually and features two state-of-the-art theatres, a dedicated library space for kids 11 and under, four multi-use classrooms, a teen-only library and multimedia production studio, and interactive exhibit space. For more information about the Charlotte Mecklenburg Library, visit our website at www.cmlibrary.org.

For more information about the Children's Theatre of Charlotte, visit <u>www.ctcharlotte.org</u>.

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