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“ENGROSSED IN KATO” AT GALERIA KATOWICKA

Reading together and working on a short play, a comic book, drawings for fairy tales or bookmarks, making felt toys, playing various family integration games, enjoying a series of the latest board games and taking part in design workshops – on Saturday, November 28, Galeria Katowicka will host an “engrossed art picnic.”

“Engrossed in Kato” is a project developed by wczytani.com neighborhood group and Hu-Ta foundation. Its primary objective is to promote culture among the residents of Śródmieście (Katowice’s central district) through creative actions in urban space. As part thereof, Galeria Katowicka is going to hold an “engrossed art picnic” this Saturday, between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m., at level +2.

The event’s agenda covers a variety of activities and art options prepared specifically for kids and families.

Based on the picture books theory which assumes that illustrations and texts are equally important and inherently connected, kids are going to create big drawings for fairy tales by popular authors of books for adults, e.g. Joanna Bator, Justyna Bargielska, Małgorzata Rejmer and Sławomir Shuty. The workshops will result in the production of large-format books illustrated by young readers.

Customers will get a chance to produce T-shirts with their names, using special paints and templates during design workshops. They will also create comic books with imaginary characters and interesting storylines.

Children aged 3-12 will take part in art workshops encouraging them to make felt toys, bookmarks and decorative elements for bookcases. They can also enjoy classes that combine a theater play with readings and kids’ own creativity – participants act as audience members, narrators and creators at the same time. The classes help children enhance their imagination by taking them to the magic land of theater and literature.

Saturday’s event at Galeria Katowicka also offers a range of other attractions, including family integration games, face-painting and fake tattoos for kids. There is also going to be a special board games zone where visitors will find the latest products and learn that board games have turned into a fashionable way of spending free time.

The event is organized by Hu-Ta foundation and Katowice City Hall. Its partners are Civitas Association and Galeria Katowicka.

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Galeria Katowicka, a unique retail and transport center, is located in the heart of Katowice. Its retail space of 53,000 m² hosts over 250 units. Customers can leave their vehicles at an underground two-level car park with 1,200 parking spaces. **Galeria Katowicka** attracts over a million customers each month. It offers direct access to the railway station and the underground public bus terminal. The mall has a Multikino cinema with 10 screening rooms, incl. an ultra-modern "Xtreme" room equipped with Dolby Atmos sound system.

The construction process of **Galeria Katowicka**, a mixed-use transport, retail and business complex, began in December 2010. The investment's first stage covered the railway station that was completed in October 2012. February 2013 saw the opening of the underground bus terminal. **Galeria Katowicka** was opened on September 18, 2013.

Find out more at www.galeriakatowicka.eu.