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## **Get the Message at the Danville Science Center**

DANVILLE — Become a TV news anchor. Create your own totem pole. Try your brush at virtual cave art. It's all at the Danville Science Center's new exhibit **Get the Message, Saturday, Oct. 4,-Sunday, Jan. 4.**

"We communicate everyday in a variety of ways," says Science Center Director Jeff Liverman. "We send and receive ideas, information, and messages. **Get the Message** connects science and communication with lots of fun-filled, interactive exhibits."

Put yourself in the cover story of a newspaper using touch screen technology. TV more your thing? Become a news anchor. Sit at a news desk. Read the news and watch yourself on a screen.

Build a virtual totem pole to tell a story. Travel even further back in time — design your own cave painting. Try out the original instant messaging system. Use a telegraph key and Morse code to send a message to a friend.

Rotate face parts to explore expressions that convey unspoken messages of body language. Speaking of unspoken, learn sign language from video demonstrations.

Partner up with a friend and give him or her hand signals to lift a crane load. There is a catch. Only you can see that load. Test your communications skills by

describing to your friend how to arrange hidden blocks. Then switch places and see how good you are at receiving instructions instead of giving them.

**Get the Message** was developed by the Discovery Center Museum of Rockford, IL, and the Family Museum of Bettendorf, IA, with funding from the National Science Foundation.

**Get the Message** is included with Science Center admission. Admission is \$5 for youth 4-12 and seniors 60+ and \$6 for adults. For Science Center information call (434) 791-5160 or visit [www.dsc.smv.org](http://www.dsc.smv.org). The Danville Science Center is located at 677 Craghead Street.

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