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Watkins Museum to Debut 3rd Floor Core Exhibit

Lawrence—After eight years of research, design, and installation, the third-floor core exhibit at the Watkins Museum of History will officially debut on Saturday and Sunday, September 10 and 11, 2022. Open hours will be 10 AM-4 PM Saturday and 1-4 PM Sunday. As always, admission to the Watkins over the weekend will be free.

Timed to coincide with the Downtown Lawrence September Sidewalk Sale on the 10th, the exhibit grand opening will extend into the next day as well. The museum invites the public to tour a wealth of artifacts, images, and stories from Douglas County's past, most of which will be displayed for the first time. New topics profiled in the 3rd floor core exhibit include:

- *Original Peoples: History before 1854*
- *Molding Minds, Making Memories: The Universities of Douglas County*
- *Jayhawk Spirit: KU Basketball*
- *Engines of Diversity: The Impact of the Railroads*
- *The Power of Education: Public Schools*
- *Big Ideas on the Prairie: Innovators and Entrepreneurs*
- *Reel Lawrence: Our Town in the Movies*

These topics come alive on the third floor via artifacts, video and audio recordings, and engaging computer interactives. Museum staff and volunteers invite the public to join them for this exciting debut.

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