Cincinnati/NKY Art and Code Meetup Group presents

Optical Flow

An Interactive Light Projection

At The Play Library
1517 Elm Street, Cincinnati, Ohio 45202
Between Washington Park and Findlay Market
On the Streetcar route

Oct 12-15, 2017
Cincinnati Blink

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Cincinnati/NKY Art and Code Meetup Group is presenting an interactive window display, "*Optical Flow*" at the Play Library, 1517 Elm Street, Cincinnati, Ohio 45202, located between Washington Park and Findlay Market, on the streetcar route during the Cincinnati Blink festival, October 12-15, 2017.

The Cincinnati/NKY Art and Code became aware of the Cincinnati Blink event in the spring of 2017 and submitted a concept for Artists Application which was not chosen for funding. Undaunted, a small group continued to meet and pursue different possibilities to participate in the Blink event independently. They decided to focus on creating an interactive display using the programming framework Processing. They were delighted to find the Play Library was receptive to sharing their space for the display. Festival goers may see and interact with the motion-sensitive display in the storefront of the Play Library during evening hours Oct 12-15.

The Cincinnati/NKY Art and Code Meetup is held on Wednesdays, 6-7pm at the Hellmann Creative Center, 321 W. Martin Luther King Blvd, Covington, KY
All creative coders, curiosity seekers and maker-types are welcome.
https://www.meetup.com/FORGE321/events/243562461/
Event Hosts: Lisa Koepke, Patrick Down

Patrick Down - Champion coder for "Optical Flow". He is a graduate of the Computer Science program at Texas A&M, has had a 28 year career as a software engineer. During that time he has worked on projects ranging from database applications to mobile games. Currently he is pursuing an interest in developing virtual and augmented reality applications.

Lisa Koepke - Project Manager & Design. Graphic design and brand identity support Lisa's creative pursuits in traditional and digital media. She began experimenting with creative coding in 1978 with Fortran while at Michigan State University and today uses Processing as a creative tool. Her sketch "*Liturgy Reflections*" *i*s on display at Christ Church Cathedral, 318 East Fourth Street, Cincinnati, Ohio 45202 through May, 2018.
https://vimeo.com/lisakoepke/liturgy-reflections
http://lisakoepke.com

Other members of Cincinnati/NKY Art and Code Meetup Group :
Zach Anderson - Audio & Support. With a love of music, art, and engineering, Zach is interested in building interactive applications with generative art and sound. He is currently studying computer science and preparing for a web development apprenticeship.

Jim Paul - Lighting & Support. President, Northtec Consulting Group, Inc. since 1985. Writes commercial software in Java and Python and is seriously into and creates steampunk art.

Ann Schoenenberger - Support. Ann recently received a national library award from Library Journal for her work as a "Digital Developer". She is co-organizer of CincyPy, the parent group of Cincinnati/NKY Art and Coding Meetup. She is also a fine artist, her work explores the complexities of attention and silence through the use of light and modern fabrication tools. Her most recent show was at Pique Gallery in Covington.

The Play Library
1517 Elm Street, Cincinnati, Ohio 45202
Designed for kids and adults, Play Library's goal is to connect families, friends, and communities through play. We offer over 1000 Games & Toys including: Game Night games, Gamery games, Toys of all kinds, Seasonal Outdoor Equipment (including new REI tents!) & Event Rentals (like giant Jenga, Big Wheels and so much more)!
We also house Cincinnati's first Cincinnati Toy History Museum on-site!
http://www.playlibrary.org

Julia Rose Fischer - Executive Director/Founder of Play Library has been in the toy and children's entertainment/education industry for...years. She helped create and launch multiple award-winning toy lines and managed the creation of a $35 million educational media-based intellectual property, with funding from the US Department of Education.

William Hofrichter - Currently working in Telecom, William lived in Los Angeles for six years working in Post Production in film for Warner Brothers and Paramount. He is a tech guru (junkie) with a pension for owning the newest gadgets. William is a more recent transfer to Cincinnati, moving down from Pittsburgh to live with his partner (Julia) and their dog, Monkie.

Forge at Hellmann Creative Center
321 W. 12th St., Covington, KY
FORGE is a mini-library and a project-based making/technology/learning space at the Hellmann Creative Center sponsored by a Creative Community Grant from The Center For Great Neighborhoods and the Digital Branch of the Kenton County Public Library.
https://www.facebook.com/pg/FORGE.321/about/?ref=page_internal

Processing is a flexible software sketchbook and a language for learning how to code within the context of the visual arts. Since 2001, Processing has promoted software literacy within the visual arts and visual literacy within technology. It is free to download, open source and well documented.
https://processing.org

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http://www.blinkcincinnati.com