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Event:

- A demonstration of Shelley . . .

- A robot built by Illinois Wesleyan University students-faculty . . .

Date:

- Sept. 30 (Tuesday)

Time:

- 12-1 p.m.

Location:

- Atrium, Center for Natural Sciences, 201 E. Beecher St., Bloomington

Background:

She plays the piano. She recites poetry. She solves puzzles. She's a robot named Shelley, designed and built by Illinois Wesleyan University students and faculty.

Shelley--IWU's version of R2D2, the cinematic robot of Star Wars' fame--made her debut last December.

Physically, Shelley has two "eyes" perched on stalks, two pincers a.k.a. "hands," and she runs around on a trolley.

Shelley is sponsored by the IWINK Cognitive Psychology Group or the Illinois Wesleyan Intelligent Network on Knowledge, a long-term interdisciplinary student-faculty.

Shelley is named for Mary Shelley, author of "Frankenstein."

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