



MISSISSIPPI CHILDREN'S MUSEUM

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP INFORMATION

WHO? – Who should attend MCM Professional Development Workshops? Workshops are available to any educators in formal settings such as classroom teachers or administrators, as well as any informal educators such as childcare providers, youth group leaders, camp counselors, homeschool teachers, or librarians.

WHAT? – What kind of teacher trainings does MCM provide? Using our innovative exhibits as the foundation, we have designed each of our workshops to facilitate and enhance the learning in your classroom. All of our workshops are inquiry-based, hands-on, and FUN! Each workshop is grounded in the latest educational research, and caters to professionals working with children ages PK-6th grade. Each in-service workshop is aligned with the common core curriculum standards.

WHEN? – 3rd week of July

WORKSHOP THEMES

DATE	THEME
July 17, 2012	It's Okay to Play
July 18, 2012	Wild about Reading
July 19, 2012	Healthy Fun
July 20, 2012	STEAM Learning

WHERE? – Where do the Professional Development workshops happen? Professional Development at MCM will occur mainly in the museum classroom on the first floor, utilizing the museum exhibits and galleries for Museum Exploration and discovery.

WHY? – Why choose the Mississippi Children's Museum for your professional development workshop needs? Choose us because we are an exciting, educational and engaging environment that provides quality enrichment training to help improve your skills and grow your knowledge base.

COST

- Full-day and half-day sessions are available
- \$40 per person (full-day); \$25 per person (half-day)
- Full-day sessions will provide a more in-depth hands-on experience for all grade levels
- Half-day sessions provide hands-on mini-lessons and are designed for all grade levels
- Each session has a separate early-childhood component
- Lunch is available for pre-purchase (\$5 per day)
- Extra USB drives are available for purchase (\$20 each)
- CEU's are available (additional form required; \$10 check payable to Mississippi College required)

WORKSHOP FEES INCLUDE:

- √ Registration Fee
- √ Coffee, water and snacks throughout the day
- √ Hands-on activities facilitated by MCM Education staff
- √ USB drive with links to pre-designed activities ready for classroom use, plus all workshop materials

WORKSHOP SCHEDULE

Check-in	8:30 am
Full-day and half-day sessions begin	9:00 am
Half-day session ends	Noon
Full-day session LUNCH	Noon
Full-day session resumes	12:30 pm
Full-day session ends	3:30 pm

WORKSHOP DESCRIPTIONS

Tuesday, July 17, 2012

It's Okay to Play

It's one of the best kept secrets in education: play is a gold mine for teaching the basics. Purposeful play provides the foundation for basic life skills, literacy development, development of the imagination, and cultivation of problem-solving skills. Learn from current research and best practices what play is, why it is important, how it connects with learning, how to use it to facilitate learning in your classroom, and what play does for adults! Teachers become the student and get to PLAY all day in this multi-disciplinary workshop that uses museum exhibits and hands-on activities to teach educators the importance of learning through play.

Wednesday, July 18, 2012

Wild about Reading

Learn what makes a poem or story perfect. The MCM field trip offerings and the traveling exhibition "Storyland! A Trip through Childhood Favorites" will provide the subject matter for this hands-on, action-packed day of literacy learning. Immerse yourself in a story, create a story, and bring the story to life. You'll take part in activities that use visual arts and mathematics, as well as everyday objects that encourage questioning and teach story elements. You will also learn how to use works of art to teach students concepts of print and story making.

Thursday, July 19, 2012

Healthy Fun

Healthy habits are for a lifetime! Learn about the human body and how to keep it healthy through activities that teach you how to encourage your students to be happy healthy humans. Using lessons that get the body and mind moving, you'll inspire your students to be healthy and discover more about the systems of the human body, health careers, and what living a healthy lifestyle means for our nation's future! This cross-curricular workshop will teach you how to connect the arts, mathematics and literacy with your science lessons.

Friday, July 20, 2012

STEAM Learning

You've heard of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics), but this workshop will integrate the visual arts into the teaching of science. Spend a day immersed in these 21st century skills and how they can teach your students to be better prepared for the future. Object lessons will take center stage as you learn to teach STEM through the visual arts and beyond. You will construct a classroom museum and take home a valuable lesson plan for teaching your students how to discover STEAM in the classroom and in life.

CANCELLATION POLICY:

- 30 days before the start date of the workshop, you may receive 100% refund upon cancellation
- 30-15 days before the start date of workshop, you may receive 50% refund
- After 15 days, no refund will be given

LUNCH:

We offer a \$5.00 per day boxed lunch option through our Museum Café on Tuesday-Friday; however, you are also welcome to bring your own lunch or leave the museum for lunch. Lunch is scheduled from 12:00-12:30 each day.

CONTINUING EDUCATION UNITS

MCM is an official CEU Provider through the Department of Continuing Education at Mississippi College. Teachers needing CEU's should bring a check for \$10 for each full-day workshop session payable to Mississippi College on the day of each workshop and be prepared to fill out a CEU application. Each full-day workshop provides 0.6 CEU's at a cost of \$10 per workshop. The fee pays for the filing and the certificate to be issued. If you are attending all four workshops, the fee is \$40. Half-day workshops provide contact hours only. For more information please contact MCM's Director of Education, Alicen Blanchard through email at alicen@mcm.ms or by phone at 601.709.8969.

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