



## MISSISSIPPI CHILDREN'S MUSEUM - MERIDIAN

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# The Mississippi Children's Museum – Meridian Reopens Train Car Exhibit with Celebratory Ribbon Cutting

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**Meridian, Miss. (June 29, 2022)** – The Mississippi Children's Museum – Meridian (MCM-Meridian) reopened its Missi the Traveler Train Car exhibit after a ceremonial ribbon-cutting on **Wednesday, June 29, 2022, at 12:30pm.**

The Missi the Travel train car is a geography-themed exhibit that encourages children to discover cultures and languages spoken around the world. MCM-Meridian leadership, Advisory Committee members, and summer camp children cut the ribbon on Wednesday and welcomed guests to explore the train car's new hands-on interactives.

The exhibit features an interactive world map, a coin rubbing station with international currencies, a trunk full of cultural ensembles, and audio prompts that teach children how to say common phrases in different languages.

Enhancements now allow guests to "travel the world by train" and share their journey with friends through a digital postcard. The exhibit now includes a photo booth station with a built-in camera, a magnetic backdrop to add national landmarks to your window scene, and a touchscreen device that lets you add stickers to your digital postcard and email them to a friend.

Exhibit remediations were completed by Heartland Scenic Studio, an exhibit design and fabrication studio based in Omaha, Nebraska.

The Missi the Traveler Train Car exhibit is now open to the public. General admission is \$10 and free for museum members. To learn more, visit [mcmmeridian.org](http://mcmmeridian.org).

### **About the Mississippi Children's Museum - Meridian**

The Mississippi Children's Museum - Meridian (MCM – Meridian) is the East Mississippi satellite campus of the statewide Mississippi Children's Museum (MCM)—a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization that creates unparalleled experiences to inspire excellence and a lifelong joy of learning. MCM-Meridian is a 25,000-square-foot facility with exhibit space designed around five primary initiatives: Literacy, STEAM, Health and Nutrition, Cultural Arts, and Mississippi History woven throughout all galleries. Outdoors is a

25,000-square-foot exhibit gallery that allows children a safe and magical space to explore and enrich the learning experience. The museum's exhibits, programs, and outreach opportunities provide engaging, hands-on activities for children of all ages. MCM – Meridian is a strategic part of the statewide Mississippi Children's Museum which is dedicated to inspiring all of Mississippi's children from all backgrounds to discover and achieve their potential. To learn more about MCM – Meridian, visit [www.mcmmeridian.org](http://www.mcmmeridian.org).

#### **About the Mississippi Children's Museum**

The Mississippi Children's Museum (MCM) is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization with a mission of creating unparalleled experiences to inspire excellence and a lifelong joy of learning in all children. The 40,000-square foot museum is designed around five primary initiatives, with correlating exhibits, programs, and outreach efforts. These initiatives include: Literacy, STEAM, Health and Nutrition, Cultural Arts, and Mississippi Heritage – the keys to helping our children mature into healthy and productive adult learners. In response to community needs due to the COVID-19 pandemic, MCM shifted operating and programming priorities to best serve Mississippi's children and combat learning loss through facilitating virtual schooling and creating online educational enrichment – services that continue today through a robust, daily afterschool program and an online platform for teacher professional development.

In 2021, MCM celebrated a monumental year by receiving an Institute of Museum and Library Services National Medal, the nation's highest honor for museums, and through opening its first satellite museum, MCM-Meridian, which received the 2021 Governor's Award for Travel Attraction of the Year.

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