



## MISSISSIPPI CHILDREN'S MUSEUM

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# The Mississippi Children's Museum Welcomes Authors, Illustrators, and Performers to *Storytelling Festival*

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**(Jackson, MS)** -- Traditions are passed down through generations with stories, songs, and activities. Bring your children to the Mississippi Children's Museum to experience the fun of storytelling together on January 14 from 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

On this special day, join us as we celebrate Mississippi's finest storytellers from our past and listen to those with us now. This event is an artistic, literary adventure celebrating the art of storytelling in many forms with special guests, performances, and workshops. Storytelling can be told through a multitude of ways such as writing and illustrating books, acting, singing, dancing, visual arts, photography, and much more.

Activities will include:

- Author Sarah Frances Hardy- Reading of her book *Dress Me* and a workshop on how she tells her story through writing and illustrations
- Author Alice Faye Duncan- Reading of her book *Yellow Dog Blues* and a workshop on how to tell your story through writing
- A performance by International Ballet Competition
- A performance and workshop by singer/songwriter Pam Confer
- A performance by Intersect Dance Theater
- A visual arts workshop with artist Andi Bedsworth
- Telling your story through pictures with Eudora Welty House

This event is included with \$10 general admission and free with museum membership. MCM will be open on Monday, January 16 for a Magic Monday! Visit [www.mschildrensmuseum.org](http://www.mschildrensmuseum.org) for more information.

Special thank you to the Mississippi Book Festival for their support of MCM's Storytelling Festival.

**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 53,000-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. Learn more: [www.mschildrensmuseum.org](http://www.mschildrensmuseum.org)

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