

MCM TRAVELS





MCM ACROSS MISSISSIPPI: TRAVELING EXHIBITS & PROGRAMS



MCM is dedicated to serving children throughout Mississippi. By providing mobile outreach exhibits, we are able to bring innovative, hands-on learning experiences to you!

In an effort to be more accessible to all Mississippi children, MCM has small, modular, traveling exhibits for rent to schools, libraries, and community centers. The purpose behind traveling exhibits is to blend museum programs and activities with permanent exhibits, which are designed to be easily assembled and disassembled in buildings, classrooms, libraries, museums, and in the community at special events. MCM traveling exhibits are interactive, educational, aligned with state standards, designed with children and families in mind, and most of all, they are FUN!

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TRAVELING EXHIBITS

Celebrations
Engine, Cars & Train Tables
Rocky's House
Roll, Match, Read
Story to Stage
Wonder of Wellness

CELEBRATIONS: ASIAN CULTURE

Content Focus: Asian Culture, Global Studies, Family and Identity

Size: 500-1000 sq ft modular exhibit designed with a small footprint to rearrange in small or large spaces.

Fee: \$3,000

Rental Duration: 3 months

Target Audience: Kindergarten - 3rd grade

Description: The Mississippi Children's Museum is pleased to be a host museum for Celebrations: Asian Culture, a modular exhibit from the Freeman Foundation Asian Culture Exhibit Series created to help children learn about and better understand Asian cultures. MCM is one of just a handful of children's museums across the country to host and travel the exhibit made possible by Association of Children's Museums and the Freeman Foundation.

Celebrations is designed to bring children and families together to explore New Year celebrations in South Korea, China, and Vietnam through the imagery of fireworks, lanterns, lotuses, and kites. Children can participate in activities such as drumming and storytelling. From telling the Nian Monster story in a small theater to discovering different dishes served for breakfast as an eye spy game, children will be captivated by the rich history, beauty, and fun of these Asian New Year festivals.

The Celebrations exhibit fosters cultural understanding and provides children and families a way to learn about and enjoy Asian cultural experiences without leaving Mississippi. It is fully bilingual exhibit with each component translated into Spanish.

Features:

VIETNAM

- Make a 5-Fruit Tray
- How Many Lotus Blossoms Tall Are You?
- Zodiac Spinner
- Fireworks Explosion Popper
- Water Puppet Theater
- Lion Drum

SOUTH KOREA

- Zodiac Tangrams
- How Many Kites Tall are You
- Fly A Kite Magners
- Fill Your Plate
- Lion Dance

CHINA

- Count to 10 With Your Body
- How Many Lanterns Tall Are you?
- Fireworks Explosion Popper
- Chopsticks table
- Praxinoscope Spinner

MATERIALS INCLUDED:

- Content Guide
- Assembly Packet
- Media Tool Kit





TRAIN CARS AND TABLES

Content Focus: Transportation, Pretend Play

Size: 500 sq ft
Engine (108" L, 68" T, 38" W)
Train Cars (96" L, 53" T, 43" W)

Fee: \$2,200 Engine (monthly)
\$2,800 Engine + 1 car (monthly)
\$3,300 Engine + 2 cars (monthly)

Rental Duration: Monthly

Target Audience: Preschool - 3rd Grade

Description:

When not in use for our holiday visiting exhibit, Journey to the North Pole, our train engine, train cars, and train tables are available for rent. With a total of six pieces, this is our most flexible traveling exhibit as rental pieces can be selected to fit your space and/or the number of students to be served.

Materials Included: Food Play Props, Costumes, Puppets



TRAIN TABLES

Content Focus: Transportation, Pretend Play

Size: 200 sq ft

Large Table 1 (78" L, 30" T, 42" W)

Large Table 2 (78" L, 24" T, 42" W)

Small Table 1 (60" L, 20" T, 48" W)

Fee:

\$1,000 (2 tables monthly)

\$2,000 (4 tables monthly)

Materials Included:

Train Cars and Wooden Transportation Pieces



IMAGINATION PLAYGROUND

Content Focus: Free Play, Logic, Creativity

Fee: \$300 per day plus mileage
\$1,500 per month plus mileage

Rental Duration: Daily or Monthly

Target Audience: Kindergarten - 5th Grade



Description: Build with the big, blue blocks of Imagination Playground™ - a mobile, block-based play system that transforms children's minds, bodies, and spirits through active, creative play!

Comprised of an assortment of loose parts, including foam blocks in uniquely designed shapes, Imagination Playground™ empowers children to constantly reconfigure the space around them and design their own course of play. Perfect for schools, educators have used Imagination Playground™ to teach communication, logic, and creativity. Challenge children to build the tallest structure, work as teams, or tell a story and watch as they discover the power of imagination!

They also exercise their ability to imagine and envision, creating their own structures and spaces, dreaming up scenarios and initiating their own activities.

This exhibit allows children to discover and create through unstructured free play – the kind of play that experts say is critical to a child's intellectual, social, physical, and emotional development.

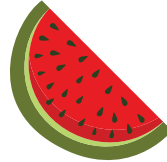
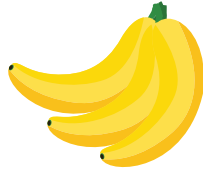


BLENDER BIKE

Content Focus: Art, Health, Creativity

Size: 56" L, 39" T, 31" W

Fee: \$300 bike with blender
\$400 bike with spin art
\$450 bike with blender and spin art
4 hour minimum, \$50/hr thereafter
Monthly-\$1,200



Rental Duration: Daily or Monthly

Target Audience: Pre-Kindergarten - 3rd grade

Description: This experience combines three favorite activities for children: bike riding, cooking, and making art. Our Blender Bike, with spin art attachments, allows students to pedal their spin art in a fun and creative manner, or make a delicious, nutritious treat.

Availability: For field trip programming, we offer the spin art option only. As a traveling exhibit, you may opt to do either experience or both.

Materials Included: Blender bike, blender to make smoothies, drum for spin art, and starter paper.



RIGAMAJIG

Content Focus: Free Play, Engineering, Communication

Size: 200 square feet of play area

Fee: \$300 2 hr
\$50/hour thereafter
\$1,500 monthly

Rental Duration: Daily or Monthly

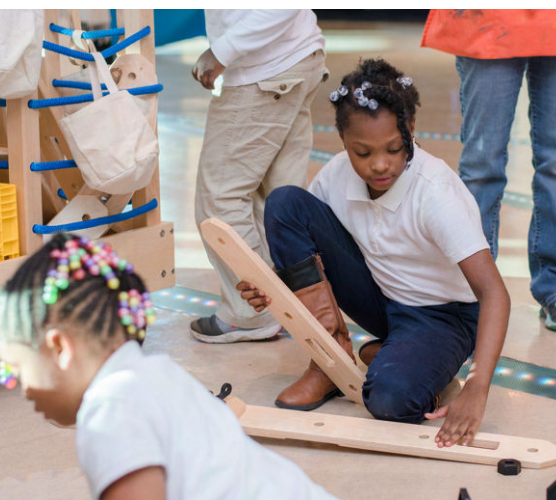
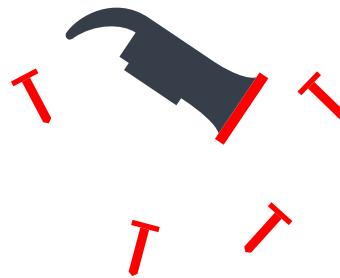
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Description: Rigamajig® is a large-scale building kit for children conceived for hands-on free play and learning. This collection of wooden planks, wheels, pulleys, nuts and bolts allow children to follow their curiosity while playing, and explore concepts in science, engineering, and art.

Rigamajig® allows children to develop language, communication, and problem-solving skills that are key to cognitive development and science, technology, engineering, art, and math learning. Unstructured, child-directed play has proven to help children develop physically, emotionally, socially, and intellectually.

The Rigamajig® play system is the perfect opportunity to set students free and see where their creativity takes them!

Rigamajig® Basic Builder is ideal for classrooms, children's museums, and groups of children learning and playing collaboratively. The solid wood 3/4" thick planks range from 12"-44", allowing children to build things larger than themselves.



WONDER OF WELLNESS

Content Focus: Health

Size: 500 sq ft

Fee: \$3,000

Rental Duration: Three Months

Target Audience: Elementary Students, Teachers, Families

Description: Wonder of Wellness is an exhibit created from a community collaboration with multiple businesses and organizations from around the state to ensure Mississippi's children are mentally and physically healthy. It is designed to increase the knowledge of Mississippi's children and caregivers about child health issues, including physical activity, healthy eating, and social/emotional wellness, resulting in increased health outcomes for children and their families.

The focal point of the exhibit is the brain; proper brain development is paramount for overall well-being. This exhibit allows visualization of how our brains are impacted by our personal choices. Through play, children will explore how creating healthy habits is vitally connected to the healthy development of their brains.

Walk around the circular exhibit to investigate how nutrition, maintaining a healthy heart and lungs, and the ability to cope have an impact on wellness. After exploring the exterior of the exhibit, enjoy the quiet peacefulness inside. The interior focuses on the importance of sleep and how its connected to heart, lung, nutritional, and mental health. Discover how sleep is impacted by your everyday activities and choices. Relax on the carpet, read a story, and discuss its lesson.

Features:

- Heart- Spin the activity wheel then measure your heart rate on the monitor.
- Lungs- Learn about lung health by pumping air to make the ping pong ball float and determine the difference between healthy and unhealthy lungs.
- Coping- Read and share coping strategies to keep your mind healthy.
- Nutrition- Try to balance a healthy meal of anytime and sometimes foods on the interactive balancing plates.

Materials Included:

Teacher's Guide
Maintenance and Cleaning Manual
Media Toolkit





ROCKY'S HOUSE

Content Focus: Early Literacy

Size: 600 sq ft

Fee: \$3,000

Rental Duration: 3 Months

Target Audience: Families with infants through third grade

Description: Rocky's House introduces caregivers and children to a cast of characters, Rocky's Friends, representing the diverse population of Mississippi. Along with Rocky the Reader, they guide guests through three primary methods of language and literacy development: playing, talking, and reading. Visitors will learn about these methods and have a chance to play them into practice!

The centerpiece of the Rocky's House traveling exhibit will be Rocky's home. Here, visitors can read a book, ask questions, and put their own stories into motion through puppets. The four featured books in Rocky's backyard are Grow with Me, Play with Me, Talk with Me, and Read with Me. Each of these books is designed to foster the form of language and literacy development mentioned in its title.

In these larger-than-life books, visitors can explore their world, perform their own show, play with blocks, images, and American Sign Language to engage with the world in new ways, or cast a line and catch fish which will ask engaging questions about stories they have read. Each of these experiences will be filled with practical tips and wisdom which caregivers can easily apply at home to give children in all stages of development the support needed for literary success!



Read with Me

In Read with Me, Rocky's best friend, Kareem, invites guests to cast a line and catch fish that will ask engaging questions about stories they have read.

Grow with Me

This area is dedicated to our youngest learners, under age two. Rocky's youngest friend, Mateo, invites them to explore his garden by playing with age-appropriate toys, exploring the touch wall, and interacting with others.



Play with Me

In this area, guests join Rocky's friends, Cody and Mateo, as they practice one of the most fun methods of talking from the start, playing pretend! With costumes and boundless imagination, caregivers and children live out their stories, real and imagined, with prompts encouraging dialogue.

Talk with Me

Talk with Me features Mei and Ella. In this area, visitors may play with blocks, images, and American Sign Language to engage with the world in new ways.



Talk from the Start is an initiative created by the Mississippi Children's Museum to raise awareness that talking to and with children from birth is essential to learning and literacy.



Materials Included:
 Marketing Graphics and Press Release
 Site Manual
 Education Materials and Program Plans
 Maintenance and Cleaning Manual



ROLL, MATCH, READ

Content Focus: Pre-school and Kindergarten Readiness

Size: 200 sq ft

Fee: \$3,000

Rental Duration: Three Months

Target Audience: Preschool, Elementary, Teachers, Families

Description: Roll, Match, Read creates a fun learning experience for children ages zero to five years old. The exhibit promotes pre-school and kindergarten readiness through activities designed to teach letter recognition, shapes, colors, motor/social development, and more!

There are many different activities included in this exhibit - children can roll balls along magnetic tracks, match shapes using familiar pictures, cozy up in the book nook to read, spin a colorful wheel to see how colors mix together, play peek-a-boo, and crawl through a short tunnel. The exhibit area includes benches that provide a safe, partially enclosed space for protected play for adventurous toddlers, as well as a practice area for pulling up and a comfy spot for parents and caregivers to supervise age-appropriate play from a comfortable distance. This exhibit is designed with toddlers in mind, encouraging them to discover new sounds, textures, and shapes. With three interactive learning spaces, your little ones can develop their motor skills, letter recognition, and sound differentiation.

Features:

- Roll interactive, with 6 floor hockey balls and 6 adjustable tracks and collection bin
- Match interactive, with 8 puzzle pieces and collection bin
- Read interactive, with 12 children's book titles appropriate for ages 0-5
- Listen interactive with jingle bells
- 2 spin interactives: a color turning wheel and a spinner with beads
- 2-way crawl tunnel
- Interlocking soft foam floor tiles cut to fit exhibit

Materials Included:

- Site Manual
- Education Materials and Program Plans
- Maintenance and Cleaning Manual



STORY TO STAGE

Content Focus: Literacy and Art

Size: 1000 sq ft

Fee: \$3,000 for 3 months

Rental Duration: Three Months

Target Audience: 1st Grade - 3rd Grade Students, Teachers, Families

Description: Experience the fun and magic of the stage! Children bring their favorite stories to life by exploring the elements of story creation, character development, and stage setting. Story to Stage fosters a creative, literary environment for children to imagine their own narrative.

Story to Stage is designed to help children understand the core elements of a story, including protagonists, interactive settings, and conflict. The interactive exhibit guides children from left to right, engaging them first with a library of stories which inspire and delight. Along their journey, children meet puppet friends and come across exciting instruments which spark the imagination.

Once the seed of a story has been planted, children of all ages and stages of literary development can choose one of three different ways to plan their stories. Finally, and most excitingly, guests can take their story to the stage with fantastical costumes. Build literacy skills, encourage creativity, and spark dramatic dreams with Story to Stage.

Features:

- Library
- Stage
- Story Element Tree
- Puppet Bench and Cubbies
- Costume Racks
- Writing Station
- Zig-zag Bench

Materials Included:

- Teacher's Guide
- Maintenance and Cleaning Manual

