



## MISSISSIPPI CHILDREN'S MUSEUM

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# Mississippi Children's Museum's Reimagined Traveling Exhibit, *Story to Stage: America250*, Embarks on Statewide Tour

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(Jackson, MS) -- The Mississippi Children's Museum (MCM) is proud to announce the statewide tour of *Story to Stage: America250*, a dynamic traveling exhibit designed to inspire young learners through storytelling, history, and interactive exploration, in conjunction with the celebration of America's 250 birthday. After debuting in Jackson earlier this year, the exhibit will travel across Mississippi, bringing engaging educational experiences to communities statewide. The exhibit's tour begins in Greenville, Mississippi, at the Washington County Library System.

The newly reimagined *Story to Stage: America250* exhibit features more than 50 children's books highlighting historical figures and pivotal moments in American history through six themes: Bravery, Freedom, Home, Stewardship, Citizenship, and Generosity. Featured books highlighting these themes include, "How We Got to the Moon," "The Story of Ruby Bridges," "The Night Before Election Day," and more. An interactive Story Tree further engages visitors by inviting children to sequence essential story elements such as character, plot, setting, problem, and solution.

In addition to reading and reflection, children are invited to take center stage and act out their own stories. With an array of costumes and props, the exhibit transports guests into imaginative worlds where they can step into the roles of characters from history, bring favorite stories to life, and create original narratives of their own, connecting the stories of the past to their own life experiences and dreams.

Designed with young learners in mind, the exhibit encourages children to connect with familiar narratives while exploring new perspectives on American history. Through thoughtfully curated stories, hands-on activities, and dramatic play, the exhibit aims to strengthen identity, broaden understanding of the nation's past, and inspire reflection on how shared experiences and collaboration can help shape a stronger future.

"We had a wonderful time curating this special collection of America250 books, costumes, and props for the exhibition," said Rachel Myers, MCM's Director of Exhibits. "It has been inspiring to watch children step back in time, imagining the people and places that shaped our nation's story. Seeing families engage with history through play has been incredibly meaningful, and we are thrilled to share this interactive experience with communities across the state."

### **Statewide Tour Schedule:**

- March 25 – May 12, 2026 | Washington County Library System
- May 16 – August 14, 2026 | Mississippi Children’s Museum – Meridian
- August 17 – October 11, 2026 | Waynesboro Public Library
- October 19, 2026 – January 11, 2027 | Gulf Coast

To book one of MCM’s Traveling Exhibits or to learn more, visit the [website](#).

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### **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. MCM’s two award-winning museums in Jackson and Meridian collectively offer over 100,000-square feet of exhibits and educational programming designed around five primary initiatives, Literacy, STEAM, Health and Nutrition, Cultural Arts, and Mississippi Heritage – the keys to helping our children mature into healthy and productive adult learners. MCM offers exceptional resources for children, families, and educators through MCM at Home virtual programming, traveling exhibits and programs, community outreach, *Launch into Learning* afterschool program, professional development for educators, and *Talk from the Start* and *Reach Out and Read*, initiatives for parents and caregivers to promote language development in children from birth to five years old.

MCM is honored to have received an Institute of Museum and Library Services National Medal, the Mississippi Tourism Association Governor’s Award for Travel Attraction of the Year, and USA Today’s ‘10Best Travel Award for Best Children’s Museum. Learn more: [www.mschildrensmuseum.org](http://www.mschildrensmuseum.org)

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