

MILWAUKEE PUBLIC MUSEUM



Educator Guide

2014-2015



Dear Educator,

I am thrilled to introduce myself as MPM's new President and CEO. When I say this is a "dream job," it's a bit of an understatement. I owe the start of my career in museums to the Milwaukee Public Museum field trips of my youth. It was during those school visits that I discovered a world of ideas, history and culture that was, in the most literal sense of the word, transforming.

I believe by working together, we can instill that same excitement in your students during an MPM field trip. A visit to our Museum can be a pivotal learning experience!

MPM is a great resource for educators, and we work hard to make all of your experiences with the Museum easy. If you have not done so already, I encourage you to take advantage of our Hall Pass program, which offers you free personal access to the Museum and Dome Theater, as well as curriculum enhancements and professional benefits.

Educators are a major part of the MPM community, and I look forward to working with you. Thanks to every one of you for supporting our mission to inspire curiosity, excite minds and increase desire to preserve and protect our world's natural and cultural diversity.



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Dennis Kois
Museum President/Chief
Executive Officer

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educator **hall** pass

Our free [educator hall pass](#) comes with our commitment to help you achieve your curriculum and professional objectives while also providing personal benefits.

What do you get with an MPM Hall Pass?

Personal Benefits:

- Take advantage of unlimited free Museum and Dome Theater visits, member-level discounts on parking, and purchases at the MPM café and Museum Marketplace.
- Receive invitations to exclusive Educator Appreciation Events and previews of major new exhibitions.
- Upgrade to a Family & Friends level membership for a special discounted rate.

How do we support Educators?

Curriculum Enhancements:

- Our programs address the development of students' college and career readiness skills: critical thinking, reasoning, communication and collaboration.
- Our object-based, immersive exhibits support the integration of authentic experiences into student learning.
- As a museum, we have unique ways to connect curriculum lessons to issues and subjects relevant in students' lives today.

Professional Advantages:

- Our staff is accessible pre-visit to help you plan your day to maximize the impact of your visit on student learning goals.
- We offer an overview of student learning specific to each program. These include defined learning objectives, assessments, and both program and enrichment vocabulary.
- Ongoing formative and summative evaluations of our programs enable us to remain effective in aligning content and techniques to support your efforts.

Dear Educator,

Another school year is here and we hope that you will consider bringing your students to the museum for one of our many programs and exhibits. Our programs will not only connect with your curriculum, they will help you to engage your students. In addition to the permanent exhibit galleries and the many educational programs that we offer every year, MPM will host a traveling exhibit this fall called *Alien Worlds and Androids*. This fun, interactive exhibit features educational content provided by the Jet Propulsion Laboratory and NASA, and explores some of the big questions in the world: Are we alone in the universe? Are there new alien worlds to be discovered? What does it mean to be human? A teacher's guide for the exhibit is available on the MPM website to help you plan your trip and to provide you with activities that relate to the exhibit.

I also hope that if you have not signed up for a Hall Pass, that you will do so this year. The pass will provide you with access to curriculum resources that connect with Common Core State Standards and support development of skills that will help prepare your students for college and careers as well as provide you with professional and personal benefits.

We hope that you will take advantage of all that we have to offer this year and that you and your students have a fruitful year of learning.



Ellen J. Censky, Ph.D.
Senior Vice President/
Academic Dean



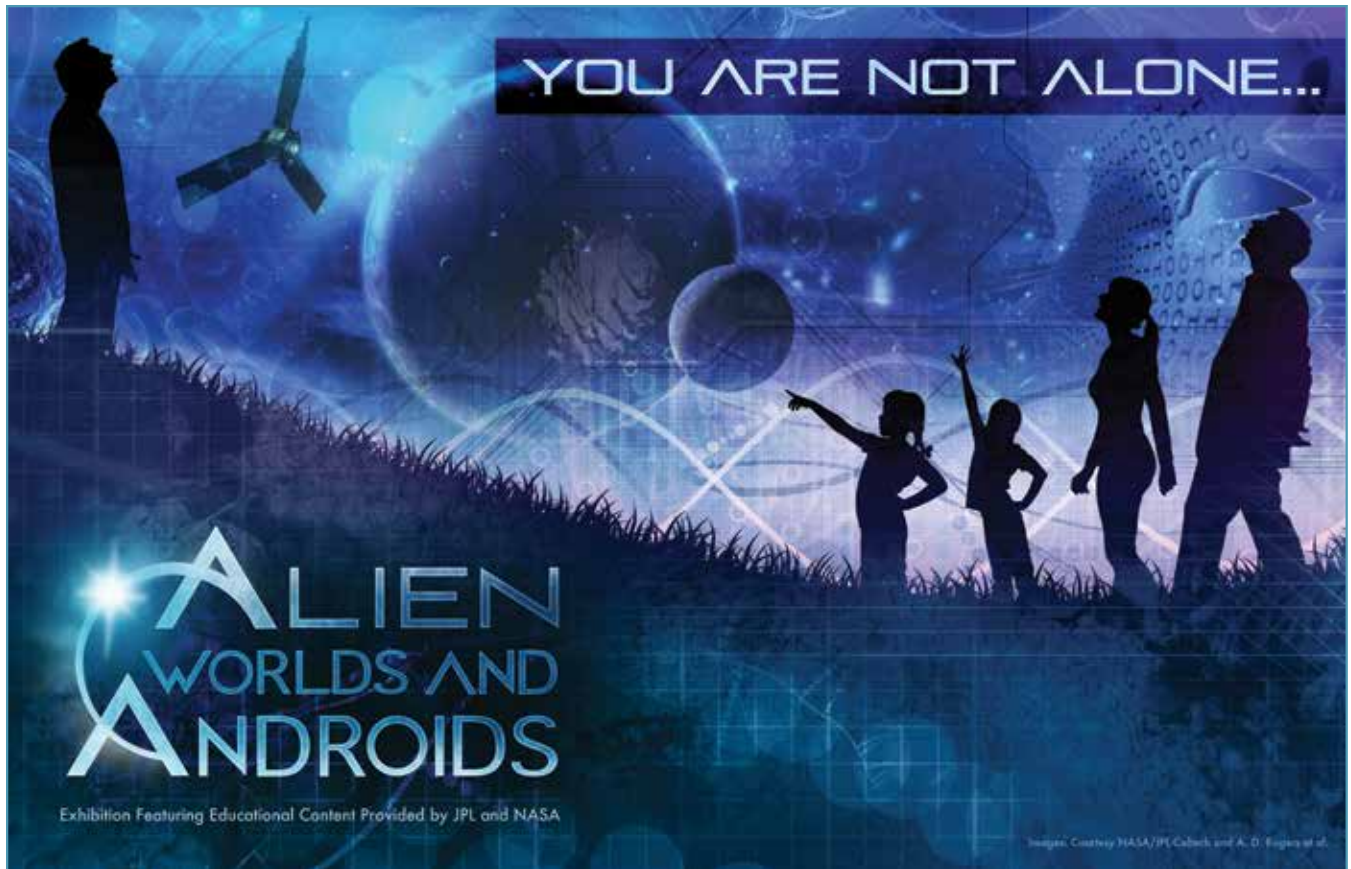
SPECIAL EXHIBITION

Alien Worlds and Androids

October 4, 2014 – January 11, 2015

Cost: details coming soon!

Blast off to a world where science fiction meets science fact. In *Alien Worlds and Androids*, you will explore cutting-edge science and come face-to-face with the fantastic worlds depicted in your favorite science fiction films and books. How close are we to discovering new alien worlds and alien life? What are the differences between an android and a robot? How has science fiction led to scientific reality? Are we slowly becoming one with our machines? Let's find out in the great interactive exhibition [*Alien Worlds and Androids*](#).



***Book your programs after July 1 by calling (414) 278-2714.
See expanded program descriptions at www.mpm.edu.***

ONE-TIME PROGRAMS

These events feature experts from across a range of disciplines, providing teachers and students unique access to primary and secondary sources of information. Students are engaged in discussions, guided in identifying and answering questions, and supported in seeking connections across subject areas.

Requirements:

- pre-registration and adherence to chaperone policy

History Comes Alive!

European Holiday Traditions Alive!

10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Friday, December 5

Streets of Old Milwaukee Alive!

10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Friday, May 1

The *European Village* and *Streets of Old Milwaukee* galleries are a great backdrop for learning about European cultural history and early Milwaukee immigrants. Authentically costumed interpreters, experts, and inquiry-based activities help students discover the past, and compare and contrast past and present to gain a better understanding of our world today.

All ages

Cost: Free with museum admission

Archaeology Fair

10 a.m. – 3 p.m. Friday, March 6

Students can engage with archaeologists and historians from Wisconsin universities, museums, historical societies and other institutions. Subjects span cultures and time: Native Americans, Toltec gods, Roman-era armament, writing systems, tools, and much more. Ask questions, find answers, and get “hands-on” with these experts. A full listing of presenters will be available online in January 2015.

All ages

Cost: Free with museum admission

7th Annual MPM Poetry Competition

2014 – 2015 Theme: Animals

MPM’s annual poetry competition is open to all Wisconsin students from grades 3-12. This year’s competition will focus on the incalculable impact animals have had on human life, and how they help us to understand the world around us. Our renowned exhibits and collections include thousands of animal species from which to draw inspiration.

Grades: 3-12

Cost: Free

LECTURE SERIES

MPM's lecture series offers a great way for students to learn more about the Museum, as well as about some of the great things happening right in our city, in our state, and around the globe.

Requirements:

- pre-registration and adherence to chaperone policy

Museum Lecture Series

11:30 a.m. second Tuesdays, October – May

Get a taste of some of the most innovative endeavors and research happening in our community through our monthly Lunch & Lecture presentations. A full listing of presenters and topics will be available on our website in September 2014.

Grades: 11-12 & post-secondary

Cost: Free with museum admission

EDUCATION PROGRAMS

Pre K-K5 Programs

10:30 and 11:30 a.m. Mondays – Fridays

Each 50-minute program begins in our [early learning](#) classroom with a group discussion on your chosen topic, followed by an opportunity to handle real artifacts and objects. We then visit our exhibits for a sensory-rich experience designed to promote awe (and lots of questions), before returning to the classroom to participate in learning stations. The “learning station” format mirrors that in a typical classroom and includes literacy, math, science, and small and large motor skills. The program is facilitated by trained Museum educators who work closely with teachers to ensure their visit supports classroom curriculum.

Grades Pre K-K5

Cost: \$4.00 in addition to museum admission

Requirements:

- minimum of 10 students per program with a maximum 25 students, Groups that exceed 25 children require multiple reservations
- pre-registration and adherence to chaperone policy required

Available Programs:

African Safari

Butterfly Stages

Dinosaurs

Investigating Insects

Polar Adventure

Rainforest Exploration



EDUCATION PROGRAMS cont.

Grades 1-3 & 4-8 Programs

10:30 and 11:30 a.m. Mondays – Fridays

These 50-minute, guided explorations take place within the museum galleries. Each program includes hands-on, interactive experiences that connect exhibits and topics to your classroom curriculum. Full descriptions of [grades 1-3](#) & [grades 4-8](#) programs can be found on our website.

Grades: 1-3 & 4-8

Cost: \$4.00 in addition to museum admission

Requirements:

- minimum of 10 students per program with a maximum of 30 students.
Groups that exceed 30 children require multiple reservations
- pre-registration and adherence to chaperone policy

Available Programs Grades 1-3:

African Overview
Beginnings: Life in Milwaukee
Butterflies
Dinosaurs
Indians of the Wisconsin Woodlands & Plains
Mummies
Rain Forest Overview
Stories of the Skies

Available Programs Grades 4-8:

Archaeology & Ancient Civilizations
Indians of Yesterday & Today
Indian Overview
Mummies
Rain Forest Overview
Streets of Old Milwaukee
Third Planet Overview



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EDUCATION PROGRAMS cont.

Mummies: Unwinding the Myth

10:30 and 11:30 a.m. Mondays - Fridays

This unique program in our 200-seat Gromme lecture hall gives students the chance to take part in the step-by-step process of the ancient Egyptian art of mummification. Discover the keys to differentiating between the many types of mummies, including the museum's own Egyptian and Peruvian mummies. Learn about other mummified remains you'll find on exhibit.

Grades: 4-8

Cost: \$2.50 in addition to museum admission

Requirements:

- minimum of 10 students per program – program may be shared with other groups
- pre-registration and adherence to chaperone policy

Distance Learning Programs

Distance Learning programs use 21st century videoconferencing technology to connect classrooms directly to MPM. These award-winning virtual field trips are facilitated by professional educators who take an interactive approach to learning. Without ever leaving the classroom, students and teachers can explore MPM's collections, research and exhibits. Use this resource as a standalone program, or as a pre-visit or post-visit resource to complement a physical trip to the Museum. Distance Learning Series programs are 50 minutes and align with national and state educational standards.

Grades: K-12

Cost: \$140, \$45 per Storytelling series connection (with multiple classrooms)

Available Programs:

Amazing Butterflies
Ancient Egypt: Proportions, Symmetry and Size
Ancient Egyptian Adventures: Colors of Mummies
Chat with a Museum Expert
Christmas Tree Ship Series
Dinosaurs: Unearthing the Facts
Egyptian Mummies: The Myth Unwrapped
Museum Storytelling Series



DOME THEATER AND PLANETARIUM SHOWS

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AND PLANETARIUM

Add an exciting giant screen film, thought-provoking planetarium show, or thrilling 3D film to your itinerary. We have a full list of show [offerings for school groups](#).

- All shows are approximately 45 minutes.
- Planetarium shows include a 10-15 minute Wisconsin sky talk given by a Planetarium educator.
- School showings are available Monday – Friday.
- First shows of the day are “Teacher’s Choice.” With reservations of 50 or more, teachers can choose which show their class will watch.
- Smaller school groups can choose to watch a show along with a teacher’s choice group already scheduled, or reserve seats at a regularly scheduled public showing later in the day.

Flying Monsters 3D

Grades 3+

Mysteries of the Unseen World 3D*

Grades 4+

Pandas: The Journey Home 3D

Grades 1+

Sea Monsters 3D

Grades 3+

3D FILMS

Dinosaurs Alive!

Grades 1+

The Human Body

Grades 5+

Mysteries of the Great Lakes

Grades 3+

GIANT
SCREEN
FILMS

Astronaut

Grades 1+

Back to the Moon for Good

Grades 5+

Black Holes: The Other Side of Infinity

Grades 6+

Cosmic Colors

Grades 4+

Earth, Moon & Sun

Grades 1-4

Ice Worlds

Grades 4+

One World One Sky: Big Bird’s Adventure

Ages 2-6

Space Aliens: Looking for Life in the Universe*

Grades 5+

The Little Star that Could

Grades 1-4

Wildest Weather in the Solar System

Grades 4+

PLANETARIUM
SHOWS

Cost: \$4.00 in addition to regular museum admission.

Other shows available by request.

**Available beginning October 3, 2014.*

EDUCATOR RESOURCES

We're here to help you make the most of your partnership with MPM. Take advantage of our many resources that can help you and your students experience MPM in the way that suits you best.

Educator Appreciation Events

Fall 2014, date to be announced in July

MPM's [Educator Appreciation Events](#) are a benefit available only to MPM Hall Pass holders. Event attendees get exclusive access to the Museum for the evening, and the opportunity to preview our special exhibition *Alien Worlds and Androids*. Invite a guest!

Fossil Fuel Fund

Have your students missed out on an opportunity to experience the Museum due to tightened school budgets? MPM's [Fossil Fuel Fund](#) may be able to help. Schools may apply for a credit of up to \$300 to offset the cost of a museum field trip. Schools may receive up to five awards each school year to be credited directly to the costs associated with the MPM visit component of a field trip.

ADMISSIONS/RESERVATIONS

Student Pricing



- Additional add-ons available for \$4.
- MPM- or Dome Theater-only admission available for \$6.
- Teachers pay add-on prices only. General [MPM admission](#) for educators is free!
- General MPM admission for Milwaukee County school groups is free on any weekday in September, October and November. Please see our 2014-15 Milwaukee County Free Fall Field Trip Guide, available in August, for more information.

ADMISSIONS/RESERVATIONS cont.

Purchase School Group Tickets

By Phone: Call (414) 278-2714 or (888) 700-9069

Field Trip Call Center Hours: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday - Friday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday and Sunday

Payments:

- All payments are due two weeks prior to arrival. We do not accept Purchase Orders. Reservations not paid by the due date are subject to cancellation.
- School group rates are available Monday – Friday. To qualify for the school group discount you must purchase admission for a minimum of ten students and belong to an educational organization. Home school educators must show their PI1206 form to receive discounted rates.
- Discounted school rates are valid for prepaid reservations only. School groups not registered will be charged full price admission. Reservations required on free admission days.

Cancellations, Changes and Refunds:

- School groups may modify their numbers before payment is received, subject to availability. Reservations are non-refundable once payment is received. No individual refunds will be given.
- Field trips can only be rescheduled in cases where school has been cancelled.

Chaperone Policy:

Adult chaperones (18+ years of age) are essential to school field trips.

- Grades Pre-K – K5 require one adult per five students
- Grades 1 – 12 require one adult per ten students

Accessibility:

The entire Museum, including the Dome Theater and special exhibit space, is wheelchair accessible. Wheelchairs and strollers are available for rental.

Lunch and Pre-ordered lunch:

- Lunch times are 20 minutes long and prescheduled on the half hour in our student lunch room.
- Pre-order lunch from the Museum to be delivered to school lunchroom at your scheduled lunch time.

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