

Field Trips and School Visits

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What is The Rabbit hOle?

The Rabbit hOle is the first museum of its kind in the United States. The Rabbit hOle brings countless works of children's literature to life. Visitors become explorers in an immersive, multi-sensory, narrative landscape filled with discoverable environments. As a 501c3 nonprofit, our mission is to create a living culture around literature, accessible to all, that will nourish, empower, and inspire the reading lives of children and adults.



Why should you have a field trip at The Rabbit hOle?

Field trips at The Rabbit hOle offer a completely unique literary experience for students. Our literature-based programs are designed to provide a wide range of opportunities for children to connect with books, book creators, and their own creative practices. Field trips at The Rabbit hOle create different access points to literature and ultimately seek to get kids excited about books.



Students and teachers alike will learn more about children's literature and the creators behind the impactful books featured in the museum.

- → Read: Students will participate in a read aloud that connects with their selected field trip.
- → Explore: Students will explore the museum floor to discover exhibits and share information about the text and its creators.
- → Create: Students will take part in a craft or hands-on learning experience that connects to the mentor texts and their creators.







Field Trip requests should be submitted at least 3 weeks in advance and no more than 6 months in advance. You will be notified of your field trip status within 10 business days upon receipt of request.

Field Trips are available Tuesdays and Thursdays 9:00-10:30 a.m. session or 12:30-2:00 p.m. session

- Led by Rabbit hOle staff, field trip programs may include time in the Tons of Fun Room, programming spaces and specific areas of the museum floor and Lucky Rabbit Books.
- All field trip programs are 90 minutes in length.
- Please arrive 5 minutes prior to your scheduled time.
- Please note that the field trip length will be extended based on any selected add-ons.

Group size per booking: Field trips can be scheduled for a minimum of 8 students and up to a maximum of 40 students. On your field trip, students will be required to split into small groups of 8, led by chaperones. Each small group is referred to as a "pod."

• 1 Pod = up to 8 students + 1 teacher or chaperone

We understand that not every class is divisible by 8, which is why pods contain <u>up to</u> 8 students and each pod must be paired before their visit with a teacher or chaperone. For example, if you are visiting with a class of 10 students, we would ask that you split your students into two pods of 5, each with a designated chaperone.

Adults:

- We require 1 adult chaperone/teacher per "pod"; chaperones receive complimentary admission. Every chaperone should be paired ahead of time with their pod.
- Additional adults <u>above the chaperone ratio</u> will be charged admission at our group visit rate (\$14/person) and may be asked to visit the Museum separately from the group. You can purchase tickets for up to 5 additional adults. One-on-one certified aides are admitted free of charge and are not included in the chaperone ratio.

Admission:

- Field trip admission is \$10.00 per student.
- Payment must be made in one purchase through our ticketing system 48 hours after the
 ticketing link is sent. Tickets can not be refunded in the case that students or
 chaperones are absent on the day of the field trip.
- Title 1 funding information is released with limited availability, on a first come first serve basis. If your school is a Title 1 School and you would like to discuss the opportunity for a scholarship or funding, please be sure to note this in your field trip request form.



Code of Conduct and Policies: https://www.rabbitholekc.org/code-of-conduct

- No running or yelling in the museum.
- Children under the age of 16 must be with an adult at all times.
- Strollers are not permitted in the museum.
- Outside food or drink is not permitted in the museum.
- No smoking, including e-cigarettes and vaporizers.
- No shoes with skates or wheels.

Please review our Terms and Conditions before visiting:

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- Please note that with your ticket purchase, you are agreeing that "Each person entering
 The Rabbit hOle grants the museum permission to photograph, videotape, record or
 otherwise reproduce the image and/or voice of that person and all accompanying
 minors, without compensation, for the museum's business and promotional purposes,
 including copying, distribution, and other uses."
- If a teacher, chaperone, or student does not wish to provide photo release authorization, this must be noted with our staff before your visit.
 - o Review our Terms and Conditions for more information about our photography policy.

Student expectations: I keep myself safe.

- I will walk slowly in the museum.
- I will use my inside voice.
- I will listen to the teacher, Rabbit hOle staff and my classmates to share my thoughts respectfully.
- I will stay curious and ask questions.

Students who cannot adhere to museum policies will be asked to depart the museum floor with a chaperone.

Arrival: See attached map

- School buses/ transportation should unload/load at the main entrance 5 minutes prior to your scheduled start time. The main entrance is located on 14th Ave., between Iron St. and Knox St. on the south side of the street.
- If more than one bus is present, there is an additional unloading/loading zone for buses immediately around the corner on Knox Street.
- Additional parking is located on the east side of the building for individual cars.
 - Any adult chaperone who is driving separately must join their group on the bus before entry to be briefed on visit expectations and receive their wristbands.
- A Rabbit hOle staff member will board the bus and greet the group to review expectations and give each guest wristbands.
- A Rabbit hOle staff member will escort students through the main entrance to begin the field trip.



Programs: Designed to engage students on a deeper level, The Rabbit hOle's programs build connections between the books, creators and your students.

Building a Community with Christian Robinson and Vera Williams Overview:

Both Christian Robinson and Vera William's work features illustrations that capture the dynamic movements of a cityscape, finding beauty in our daily lives. Create your own city or landscape art using collage techniques.

Everyday Inspiration with Effie Lee Newsome and Byrd Baylor

Overview: (Recommended 3rd grade and up)

In this program students will investigate and craft poems by observing objects carefully selected to spark the senses. Informed by the foundational work of Effie Lee Newsome and Byrd Baylor, this exercise will challenge your students to use poetic devices to bring ordinary objects to life with their voices.

Fortunately and Meanwhile... Build a Story with Twists and Turns

Overview: (Recommended 4th grade and up)

In this StoryLab workshop students will build a poem from a collection of words. This writing workshop will focus on stretching our imaginations and using storytelling as an art form. Inspired by the works of Remy Charlip and Jules Feiffer, whose humor, expressive illustrations, and engaging narratives hook readers from start to finish, students will create their own accordion books.

Many Pieces Make a Whole: Esphyr Slobodkina and Leo Lionni Overview:

Students will create and explore sculptural art using simple materials. This program is inspired by the experimental sculpture work of Esphyr Slobodkina and Leo Lionni — both influential creators who changed the landscape of children's literature through their stories and creativity.



Add ons for your visit:

Lucky Rabbit Books: Up to 20 minutes of additional time added to your field trip

- We recommend that each student be able to select a book of their choice while visiting The Rabbit hOle.
 - If you are interested in allowing book purchases for your students, please note this on your field trip form and it will be arranged with programming and bookstore staff.
- The Rabbit hOle has limited grant funding available to cover book purchases for students visiting from Title 1 schools. Please indicate your Title 1 status and interest in grant funding on your field trip form.

Lunch: 30 minutes of additional time added to your field trip

• Schools can purchase a bagged lunch from Max's Kansas City, our in-house cafe. These lunches will be eaten in the Tons of Fun Room and will add an additional 30 minutes to your visit time. No outside lunches- please reach out to programs@rabbitholekc.org.

Max's KC Lunch (Thursdays ONLY)

- o \$10 per lunch
- If a student has a dietary restriction that prevents them from consuming our lunch options, please note this in your lunch selection.
 - Students with dietary restrictions can bring a sack lunch. Exact numbers must be determined and communicated at the same time that lunches for other students are being ordered.

Options:

- Bread and Jam for Frances Almond Butter and Jam Sandwiches with fruit and drink (milk or water)
- Goodnight Moon Bowl full of mush with fruit and drink (milk or water)
 - Mush: Rice pudding made with rice, sugar, coconut milk, and a dash of cinnamon.



Bus loading and unloading zones

