Mistakes Were Made Returns!

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Our Learning Objectives

Admitting mistakes isn’t a sign of weakness. It’s a sign of professionalism to learn from other’s mistakes to avoid repeating them.

Together we can create a playful, safe, interactive environment that encourages us to share and celebrate personal and organizational growth and learning.

Reflection helps us identify what we, as a field, are doing to encourage or suppress discussion of mistakes that we (and our museums) make.
Start thinking!
Assumptions we make when working with other cultures

A mistake made by

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ROOTING REFLEX
Once Upon a Time...
MISTAKES

It could be that the purpose of your life is only to serve as a warning to others.
2014
Why did it take four years to realize it was a bad design?
• Why do we keep some things in our exhibits even though they are high maintenance and potentially hazardous?
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• What if we gave every employee the opportunity to recommend one exhibit to eliminate or replace?
The End
Montshire Museum of Science (Norwich, VT)
Families Learning Together
And with the best of intentions....
The Biggest Issue...
Awarding the Epic Failure Trophy 2022
Thank you for coming to Mistakes Were Made Returns!

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