



Topics Requested for IA27 by IA26 Attendees

- AI in operations/AI implementation for business practices
- Use of AI tools
- AI in children's museums again
- AI - how are Children's Museums using it, what are their policies, what is guest/visitor feedback around the use of AI, successes and challenges, etc.
- impacts of AI across the field - to jobs, to guest engagement, to programming, to exhibit development
- AI being implemented for programs and exhibits, but also how staff is using it.
- Engaging adult caregivers in play spaces
- Creating early childhood learning spaces in larger institutions (did they mean non-children's museums?)
- Creative school partnerships that promote joyful learning
- Young adult programming ideas
- Intergenerational programming
- Reaching marginalized communities in authentic ways
- Collaborating with artists
- Mobile museums (2)/off-site school engagement
- Culturally affirming programming
- Reflecting culture in standing and rotating exhibits
- Capital campaigns (2)
- You've finished your capital campaign, now what?
- Annual giving
- Cross-sector collaboration
- Supporting floor staff
- Conflict management
- De-escalating situations
- Wearing multiple hats in museum jobs

- How to create an organizational chart (what tasks really belong to what department; how to divide departments, etc.)
- Museum culture building
- Managing generational gaps on staff
- Mid-manager training
- Staying organized when things change on a daily basis
- Staff burnout—from guest services to management
- Managing the effects of high staff turnover
- PTO/benefits policies
- Career exploration in children’s museums
- Building curiosity/interest in natural environment and caring for the earth. Creating exhibits that show kids what native wildlife exists around them and how to respect nature. (2)
- Leveling up exhibit experiences
- Creative adds for small dead zones with limited budgets to enhance visitor experience (2)
- Small budget designs, program, and events
- Success small museum events
- Small museum systems and tools
- Small museum management
- Sessions specifically for like-sized museums, especially that include time for connecting and networking
- More time for small museum professionals to gather and discuss a variety of topics.
- Small tables with prompts but mostly a space to talk
- Expansion while operating a current museum (2)
- Membership
 - Social media strategies for membership
 - Membership - specifically benefits, levels and what strategies have worked to turn members into donors.
 - Membership/daily admission challenges
- Adapting to current funding environment
- Fundraising with a small staff and young families without expendable incomes
- Strategies to engage local and state government with dollars attached
- Changes in laws for philanthropy and what we can do to protect
- Cultivating planned giving
- Grant writing
- How to find grants for small museums

- Sustainability in children’s museums—in practice and in the educational framework
- Preschools (2)
- More about museum schools
- Camps, onsite programs, ticketed events
- Revenue drivers
- Technology: CRM, POS, booking/scheduling
- How to compete with mega museums
- Programming with tough topics and/or contemporary issues (2)
- Prototyping processes
- Activating a board
- Mandated reporting practices
- For libraries: a session by children’s museum presenters on how to make library spaces more engaging (they are smaller and less flexible than museums)