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Seminars at the Smithsonian

**Literacy Development for Toddlers and Twos Using Literature, Art and Objects**
November 14 | 3:30pm–6:30pm
Smithsonian American Art Museum | $150
Learn how to develop a curiosity that promotes early literacy by incorporating the arts, the community and everyday objects into classroom activities.

**Learning Through Objects: Museums and Young Children**
January 27 & 28 | 9:00 am to 4:00pm
Smithsonian Institution Castle Library | $400
Learn how museum objects help young children build critical thinking skills and understand their world.

**Play: Engaging Young Learners in Object Rich Environments**
June 23 & 24 | 9:00 am–4:00pm
Smithsonian Institution Castle Library | $400
Explore how to support child’s play with objects and narrative in both a museum gallery and classroom setting.

**Supporting A Child’s Positive Sense of Self Using Literature, Art and Objects**
June 25 | 8:45am–4:00pm
SI Castle Library | $200
At a very young age children develop a sense of who they are and begin to construct meaning regarding their heritage, families, and communities. Learn how to use collections, cultural artifacts and everyday objects to support a child’s development of a positive sense of self.

On Line Webinars

**Cool Stuff: Using Objects and On Line Collections to Support Classroom Learning**
October 29 | 2:00pm–3:00pm | $40
Consider new ways of making connections between everyday objects and artifacts found on line.

**The Art of Asking Meaningful Questions**
February 25 | 2:00 pm—3:00 pm | $40
Asking carefully constructed questions helps a child build new understanding. Explore question asking techniques and learn how to help students ask thoughtful and intentional questions of their own.

**Using Technology to Support Early Childhood Experiences in the Classroom, Community and Museum**
April 22 | 2:00 pm—3:00 pm | $40
Compare the many schools of thought about how technology should be used with young children and decide which approach best fits your circumstances.

All three workshops - $100

At Your Museum

Collaborate with SEEC educators to develop a one day training experience for museum professionals, volunteers and/or teachers in your community. Help them learn how to use your museum’s collection to support the development of 21st century learning skills in young children and their families.

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Two Hour Workshops at a Location of Your Choice 1 $650 each

Connections and Collections: Engaging Young Minds in Math
Learn how to use a child's natural inclination to sort, organize and classify to build science and math skills. Explore how collections can build a foundation for 21st century learning and encourage young minds to make connections to the world around them.

The Museum in Your Classroom
Objects are a concrete way for children to explore and learn. We connect the object-rich museum setting with that of the child’s everyday environment. Sessions will demonstrate how children can engage in sensory exploration and create meaning between museums and their classrooms.

Never Too Young: Talking Culture with Kids
Examine how universal themes can be used to encourage understanding and promote diversity in the classroom. The session includes ideas for culturally sensitive activities and open dialogue about the challenges of teaching this topic.

Spaces That Inspire
A child’s environment can play an important role in building critical thinking and social-emotional skills. Teachers will consider environment, including the classroom, as an active teaching tool and a method for communicating to children, parents, and visitors.

Try, Try Again: Supporting Positive Playground Experiences
Make the most of playground time by encouraging experimentation, problem solving and cooperation while keeping your students safe.

Promoting A Child’s Sense of Wonder
Discover new ways to spark curiosity and build critical thinking skills in young children by exploring age-appropriate applications of the scientific method and the importance of questioning techniques. Optional Add On: Explore some amazing natural wonders with a SEEC led experience in the National Museum of Natural History.

Inspired by the Greats: Process Art Experiences
Build your student’s receptive and expressive language through process-based art making. Sessions model techniques for engaging children in talking about art and give you practical resources to take back to your classroom. Optional Add On: See the “Greats” first-hand by adding an art museum visit to this workshop.

Keep Them Coming Back: Training for Museum Professionals, Security Staff and Volunteers
In addition to safeguarding art, artifacts and specimens from countless hazards, museums must ensure that members of the general public have a positive museum experience. This workshop presents effective strategies for encouraging positive and appropriate behavior for children and families while visiting the museum gallery.