SERVICE LEARNING NEWS

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PLANNING FOR SUCCESS

If you would like feedback on your 2025-26 application and/or the opportunity to make revisions, you must submit your application by April 4, 2025. *Applications for the 2025-2026 school year will be available February 3, 2025 and due by May 2, 2025.*

FREE!

FIELD TRIPS

Students participating in service learning projects are eligible for free entrance to Infinity Science Center (Mississippi ONLY), the Kenner Planetarium and Space Complex, and the National World War II Museum for educational field trips. For more information, visit the **Forms for Award Recipients** section of our Service Learning webpages.

INFINITY SCIENCE CENTER
INSPIRE · AMAZE · ENGAGE

Kenner Planetarium & MegaDome Cinema
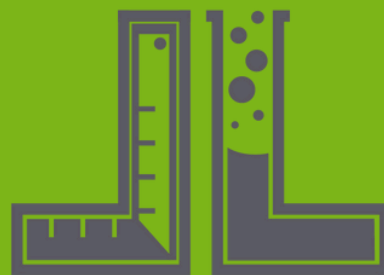
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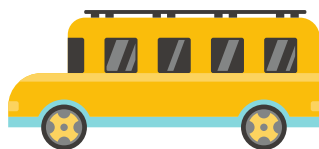
INTRODUCING SPRING GRANT WRITING SUPPORT NIGHTS

Starting on February 6th from 3:30-7pm, and offered twice a month here at STEM Library Lab throughout application season, we're hosting Service Learning Grant Writing Support Nights to provide assistance to educators preparing applications for 2025-26 and/or Final Expense Reports for 2024-25. We're here to support you through the writing process and field any questions you may have!

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PROJECT CHANGES

For major changes to your service learning plan, such as personnel changes or budget issues, change of service partner, you should first request permission by submitting a completed **Changes Form** on our website, or by emailing the form to maria@stemlibrarylab.org.

YOUTH VOICE & AUTHENTIC YOUTH-ADULT PARTNERSHIPS

When youth are treated as equal decision-makers, they gain a sense of agency that transforms their self-perception and potential. These partnerships nurture future leaders equipped to drive meaningful change. By collaborating with adults, young people develop skills like professional communication, critical thinking, and problem-solving, while offering fresh perspectives that can innovate traditional approaches.

6 Effective Ways to Strengthen Youth-Adult Partnerships

1. Create Democratic Processes
2. Implement Leadership Role Rotations
3. Develop Authentic Feedback Mechanisms
4. Practice Intentional Power Sharing
5. Prioritize Communication and Dialogue
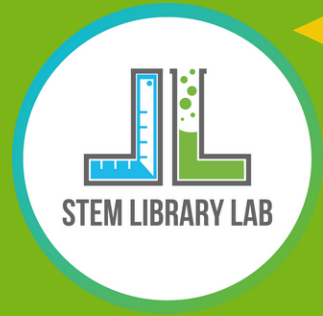6. Focus on Skill Development

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Upcoming Events @

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JAN 16
5:30PM
Service Learning Basics Workshop

JAN 25
12PM
Ready-to-Go (RTG) Project Overview

FEB 3
2025-2026 Service Learning Grant Application Opens

FEB 4
5PM
Ready-to-Go (RTG) Project Overview

FEB 6
3:30-7PM
Service Learning Grant Writing Support Night

FEB 11
5PM
Service Learning Basics Workshop

FEB 13
3:30-7PM
Service Learning Grant Writing Support Night

FEB 20
11AM
Ready-to-Go (RTG) Project Overview

MAR 11
5PM
Service Learning Basics Workshop

MAR 13
4-7PM
Service Learning Grant Writing Support Night

MAR 18
3-6PM
Service Learning Grant Writing Support Night

MAR 22
12PM
Service Learning Basics Workshop

MAR 24
5:30PM
Ready-to-Go (RTG) Project Overview
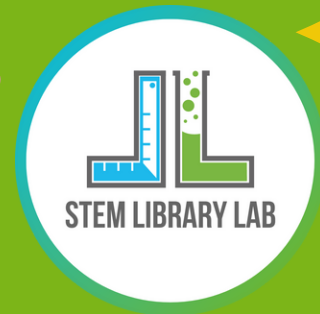
MAR 27
11AM
Ready-to-Go (RTG) Project Overview

MAR 29
11AM-2PM
Service Learning Grant Writing Support Night

APR 1
5PM
Service Learning Basics Workshop

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APR 3 — 5:30PM
Service Learning Basics Workshop

APR 4 — 2-5PM
Service Learning Grant Writing Support Night

APR 4
Early *2025-2026 SLP Application Deadline*

APR 8 — 5PM
Ready-to-Go (RTG) Project Overview

APR 14 — 11AM
Ready-to-Go (RTG) Project Overview

APR 15 — 3-6PM
Service Learning Grant Writing Support Night

APR 23 — 5:30PM
Service Learning Basics Workshop

APR 29 — 3-6PM
Service Learning Grant Writing Support Night

MAY 2
2025-2026 SLP Applications Final Deadline

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2024-2025 SLP Final Expense Reports Due

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