

News from the Project Team

Welcome to the Community!

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New Resources are Available!

[Greedy Monkey](#), a new hands-on activity, has been added to our [resources](#)!

Want to Contribute?

Email livinglab@mos.org with your newsletter ideas.

Each month the Project Team links to resources on the National Living Lab website. In order to view these materials, you must register and log in. Signing up for livinglab.org is free and easy! Click [here](#) to get started!

Living Laboratory Stipend Program

The National Living Laboratory team is pleased to offer a limited number of stipends to professionals engaged in a collaboration based on the Living Laboratory model and would like to increase the educational impact of their partnership. To apply, a museum and academic institution must be engaged in an existing collaboration - or intend to establish a collaboration - in the spirit of Living Laboratory in calendar year 2014. [Download the application](#) to learn more!

Feature Article: Inside Living Laboratory at Madison Children's Museum

LSpring was a busy season for Living Laboratory activities at Madison Children's Museum! In March, we hosted the first Midwest Regional Living Laboratory Symposium to help museums and researchers throughout the Midwest to develop child development research partnerships using the Living Laboratory model. We are delighted to see the National Living Laboratory taking root in a wide range of institutions, from children's museums in smaller communities to large, urban science centers.

Here in Madison, our partnerships with University of Wisconsin researchers expanded, with studies from the Waisman Center and the Wisconsin Center for Education Research exploring social development, language acquisition, and pattern recognition in MCM's Wilderwest and Possibleopolis exhibits. In May, we welcomed Heather Davis to our museum team as our new Early Learning Manager. Heather brings to MCM a wealth of expertise in child development and parent education, and is looking forward to becoming more involved in regional Living Laboratory initiatives.

For more information on Midwest Living Laboratory projects and opportunities, contact Kia Karlen, MCM Director of Education, at kkarlen@madisonchildrensmuseum.org.



Museum educator shares a research study with visitors

Join the Community!

Living Laboratory® aims to educate the public about child development by immersing museum visitors in the process of scientific discovery through partnerships with local research institutions. Initially developed in the Discovery Center at the Museum of Science, the program receives support from the National Science Foundation under award #1113648. The National Living Lab initiative aims to assist researchers and informal science educators in collaboration efforts that foster public awareness, engagement, and understanding of the scientific study of children's learning and development. There are no costs associated with joining the community or accessing the available online resources. If you have not yet joined, please fill out the online [registration form](#).

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