

How I Spent My Summer Vacation

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A four day internship at The Reading Museum shadowing and interviewing the professional and volunteer staff members. Getting behind the scenes and participating with the employees in summer camps, art show preparation and museum tours. Learning what the museum has to offer visitors, employees and my 5th grade class. Coming away with a keen awareness of both the challenges and opportunities facing the facility in the future. For more information contact: Heidi Gamler at heigam@berksiu.org

Multiple Dimensions for Serving the Public

A World Class Planetarium

An Arboretum and Walking Trails

A Diverse Natural History Museum

An Extensive Fine Art Gallery



With all of the Priceless Pieces of Art and Antiquities, the Museum's Greatest Asset is its People

- Professional Staff ranging from Director/CEO to Cashiers
- Gallery Teachers , Part-time Instructors, and Camp Directors
- Volunteers
- Local Community Affiliates; BCIU, Opportunity House, Public Libraries, etc.
- Visitors
- Members
- Contributors



Educational Diversity is the Key to a Strong Staff



- Electrical Engineering at the Planetarium
- Accounting and Business Management in the Finance Office
- Art History and College Professorship for the Curator
- A Panther (Pitt) and a Leopard (Lafayette) hunt for New Events and New Sources of Financial Support



How does the Museum relate to the PA Academic Standards for Career Education?

13.1 Career Awareness and Preparation; Displaying Art and Science together stimulates interest and curiosity in a variety of careers.

13.3 Career Retention and Advancement; Teamwork applied during summer camps. Lifelong learning is exhibited by staff through outreach programs.

13.2 Career Acquisition; Proper behavior and listening skills while visiting the Museum. Historical perspective on how jobs have changed over time.

13.4 Entrepreneurship; Experiencing the history of local companies and seeing the rewards of business sponsorship.

Technology and the Museum

- Fully Digital Planetarium
- Technologies of Ancient Cultures
- Innovation through Art
- Using Science to better explore and understand the Past



The Museum as Classroom

- SCIENCE CAMP
- YOUNG READERS GO TO ANCIENT EGYPT
- CLASS TRIPS MAKE CONNECTIONS





Curriculum Connections

- The Reading Public Museum is an excellent destination for a class trip.
- Local libraries have passes to assist their patrons in lifelong learning.
- The Museum's website offers students the opportunity to explore, from their classrooms, areas of interest and watch informative broadcasts.
- Science standards are addressed through extensive insect collections, Planetarium shows, dinosaurs and guest presenters.
- Social Studies standards come alive with Native American exhibits and Early American displays.

CHALLENGES FOR THE FUTURE

- Increasing Membership and Sponsorship
- Staying Current with and Relevant to the Community
- Expanding Facilities and Collections