



Volunteer Docents (Henson)

These docents will deliver interactive group tours and programs related to *The Jim Henson Exhibition: Imagination Unlimited* for students and adults. We are seeking volunteers who enjoy working with the public, youth and/or adults; feel comfortable speaking to groups; and have an interest in artistic self-expression, engineering design, and/or history. We provide training on the exhibition and programs.

Volunteers are scheduled as needed upon mutual agreement with MCHC staff for the following:

School Programs

- Offered mainly on Mondays and Tuesdays between 10 am and 2 pm from June through December.
- 1.5- to 2.5-hour programs that emphasize hands-on activities.
- Primarily for lower and upper elementary students, with the possibility of some middle school students.
 - Program for ages 3-6: Emphasizes arts and socio-emotional learning.
 - Program for ages 7-11: Emphasizes engineering design and self-expression.

Adult Tours

- Offered by appointment and at regular times, Wednesday to Sunday, during open [museum hours](#) from June through December.
- 1-hour museum tours that combine docent-led discussions with lecture.
- Groups are expected to be between 5-20 people.

We welcome volunteers who are interested in one or both program types.

Skills & Qualifications

- 18 years or older
- Friendly personality and enthusiastic about puppets, media arts, media history, engineering/design, and/or storytelling
- Comfortable speaking with groups
- Commitment to learning and using
- Group management
- Physical ability to lead indoor tours 1-2.5 hours in length
 - School programs will cover multiple floors, accessible by stairs and elevators.
 - Adult tours will be held in the second-floor gallery, accessible by stairs and elevator.
- Schedule that fits the program/tour types of interest
- Familiarity with Jim Henson's works preferred, but not required

Docents will work closely with the Museum Learning Manager, Deborah Wood (dwood@mdhistory.org, 410-685-3750 ext. 334).