



Insects & Me A-Z / Museum / Library / Community Program Proposal



Photo credit: Bethany Michaela Jones

At this program families can do a craft activity, move their bodies, engage in a literacy activity and meet the author of “Insects & Me A-Z”, Mélissa Smith.



The Hopscotch rug invites guests into the space and encourages movement and play that ties into the insect theme.

Family Craft Tables supply insect stencils, paper and quick dry paints or markers for children to make a craft or make a their own page in the style of the book.

There will also be prompts on the table for adults to lead children in exploring the book.

The Author, MéliSSa Smith, leads an interactive read along of the book where children can practice literacy skills along with movement and shouting out affirmations! She is also available





to sign copies of the book and engage with patrons.



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Partner organizations may add bug displays from their collection or **LIVE INSECTS** to the event. Book sales, giveaways or donations can also be arranged.

About the Author: *Insects & Me A-Z* is Smiths debut book! She is a Teaching Artist with over 10 years of experience working with NYC Public Schools teaching theater, dance and literacy through arts and host of the Youtube show “Mondays with Mé”. Mélissa is also a member of the band Bee Parks & the Hornets, a Theater Maker and performer.

Testimonials: The Brooklyn Children’s Museum Programs and Engagement Coordinator described the event as “a hit” -- “Thank you so much for your infectious, *insect-ious* program!”

Brooklyn Navy Yard Programmer calls it a “wonderful experience!” — “Thank you for signing a copy of your book for my son, he was so delighted!”

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