



# Virtual Field Trips

With Laurie Hernandez and Friends



## Educator Guide

**Take your students on a field trip with Olympic Gold Medalist Laurie Hernandez! They will love learning with Laurie as she visits and experiences a variety of real-world places and topics.**

Virtual field trips create an interactive learning experience for students to complement their classroom learning while providing inspiration to help keep students engaged. Laurie will introduce students to thought leaders, academics, and other influencers to discuss subject matter authentic to their passions and professions, while taking classrooms on exciting virtual visits!

At KPMG, we provide access to opportunities that empower everyone to become a lifelong learner. We know exploration and experiences are critical to a student's learning journey. These virtual field trip experiences are meant to expose students to new ideas and help connect what they are learning in school to real-world professions and career pursuits, therefore opening their eyes to all the possibilities ahead of them. KPMG supports targeted and customized programs designed to empower everyone to be a lifelong learner, including supporting the many educators, like you, who facilitate fun and educational learning environments!



## The Series

KPMG Learning Ambassador and Olympic Gold Medalist, Laurie Hernandez, has been collaborating with KPMG on initiatives aimed at reinforcing the value of learning. Laurie is emceeding this series of field trips featuring relevant talent to provide edutainment and excitement for classrooms. Laurie serves as the narrator of the series and helps us learn about a variety of different topics.



## The Episodes



**Episode 1 (version for ages 5-10 and version for ages 11+ ):** The Heart of Your Health with Laurie Hernandez and Friends



**Episode 2:** Empowering Futures: Libraries and Access to Lifelong Learning with Laurie Hernandez

## Recommended Session Flow



5 minute setup



10-12 minute video



20 minute discussion of video

### Sample Intro

Your local library has tons of free resources, including books, movies, and even computers and other devices for you to borrow. Explore topics you are passionate about, or learn about new ones. Play a game, make a craft, or find a new book to read.

### Keep in Mind

- Reading is an important skill that encourages curiosity and allows you to learn new things about the world.
- Visit your local library to sign up for a library card and check out all the resources it has to offer.

**As you saw in today's episode, libraries have something to offer for everyone!**



# Empowering Futures: Libraries & Access to Lifelong Learning



## SPEAKERS

Jessica Sawyer, Library of Congress Docent

## THEMES

Literacy, Reading, Learning, History

**Why are libraries important?** What do they contain and who can visit them? Through a visit to the Library of Congress in Washington, D.C., the KPMG team will share a history of how libraries were essential to America's founding generation and why reading is critical to educational preparedness and self-fulfillment in everyday life!



## Suggested Discussion Topics

- After watching the video, what did you find interesting about the Library of Congress? Share a few aspects of the Library you found exciting or surprising to learn.
- Why is reading important? How can you practice your reading skills when you're not in school?
- Where is your favorite place to read? Why is it your favorite?



## Additional Activities

- **Book Buddies:** The incredible part about reading is that there are countless books to enjoy and share with others! Ask students to bring in a favorite book or select one from the school or classroom library and exchange them with a partner. After reading their partner's book, students can share, act out, or draw their favorite scene!
- **Symbols of Knowledge:** As you saw in the video, the Librarian of Congress's office contains symbols on the ceiling—the owl, lamp and open book—to represent knowledge. Ask students to think of another symbol of knowledge and have them draw it on a piece of paper. They can then explain their idea to the class.
- **Retell a Story:** Can you recall one of your favorite childhood books? What made it so good? What could have been improved? Visit the Library of Congress classic children's books collection and have students pick a book that they would want to retell. Think about



the setting, plot, characters and conflict. Ask students what they would change in the retelling, and what would stay the same?

- **Digital Exhibits:** Transform readers into leaders! Divide students into groups and assign each group a specific theme, historical event, or notable figure. Have them curate a digital exhibit using resources from the Library of Congress website. They can present their exhibits and share them with the class.
- **Primary Source Analysis (suggested for middle schoolers):** What is a primary source and why is it valuable? What does it say about a certain period in history? Select historical documents or images from the Library of Congress's digital collections that may or may not relate to a topic students are learning in class. Have them analyze these primary sources and encourage them to draw conclusions and interpretations based on their findings.

## ☆ Takeaways

- The Library of Congress is the largest library in the world, with over 51 million books, films, audio recordings, photographs, newspapers, maps, and manuscripts in 470 different languages. The library's collections are open and accessible by the public.
- Everyone deserves access to self-education, and libraries accomplish this by promoting literacy—at no cost to the visitor.
- It's easy to check out books and other items from the library!
  - Go online to find your nearest library.
  - Sign up for an account online or at the front desk when you visit.
  - Receive your card!



## Resource Recommendations

### Book Recommendations:

- Visit the [\*Making a Difference Section\*](#) on the First Book Marketplace

### Library of Congress Online Resources

- [Catalogue](#)
- [Ask a Librarian](#)
- [Moving Image Research Center](#)



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