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Children's Museum of Southern Minnesota Executive Director to Attend National Museum Advocacy Day in Washington D.C.

Peter Olson, the newly hired Executive Director for the Children's Museum of Southern Minnesota (CMSM) will attend National Museum Advocacy Day in Washington, D.C., on February 24, 2009. CMSM has partnered with the Minnesota Association of Museums (MAM) to make the trip possible. Mr. Olson is charged with advocating in front of elected officials on behalf of Minnesota's diverse array of museums and the Children's Museum start-up operations. During the current congressional session the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) is under consideration for re-authorization. IMLS is the primary source of federal support for the nation's 122,000 libraries and 17,500 museums. Ms. Betty McCollum, the federal representative from Minnesota's 4th district, is a member of the IMLS re-authorization subcommittee. Mr. Olson will be in Washington February 22 through February 25.

<http://www.minnesotamuseums.org/>

<http://www.cmsouthernmn.org/>

<http://www.ims.gov/index.shtm>

<http://www.speakupformuseums.org/MuseumAdvocacyDay.htm>