

Programmes Cart Activities

Educator's Guide



Dear Educators,

This mobile programmes cart is specially created for pre-schools and/or Special Education (SPED) schools visiting the special exhibition *Once Upon a Tide: Singapore's Journey from Settlement to Global City*.



Size of cart

1m (L) x 0.5m (W) x 1.2m (H)



Duration of loan

Up to two hours, subject to availability



Capacity




Up to 30 pre-schoolers or one SPED class at any one time



Recommended for use at the orange seating area within Section 2 of the exhibition gallery or at a dedicated spot outside the gallery, depending on crowd levels. Our Education Officer will advise you upon your arrival at the museum.



The cart supports three developmentally appropriate hands-on activities for children with a cognitive age of 4 to 6 years. You may assess the level of suitability for your students based on the following:

S/N	About the Activity
1	<div data-bbox="300 421 643 472" data-label="Section-Header"><h3>Letter Explorer</h3></div> <div data-bbox="300 517 952 824" data-label="List-Group"><ul style="list-style-type: none">• Enhance your students' language skills with our magnetic letter station where they will spell out Singapore's historical names.• This activity supports children's language skills and literacy.</div> <div data-bbox="1031 427 1473 828" data-label="Image">A young girl with glasses is sitting at a yellow table, using colorful magnetic letters to spell out the word 'Singapore' on a clear plastic tray. A box labeled 'Singapore' is open next to her, showing more letters.</div>
2	<div data-bbox="300 880 876 931" data-label="Section-Header"><h3>Picture Puzzle Adventure</h3></div> <div data-bbox="300 965 995 1541" data-label="List-Group"><ul style="list-style-type: none">• Engage your students with five specially designed jigsaw puzzles inspired by early Singapore.• Choose from different puzzle sizes and difficulty levels as your students explore stories of our harbour and workers and how our island has grown over the years.• This activity contributes to children's discovery of the world and social skills as they work on the puzzles together.</div> <div data-bbox="1021 884 1484 1364" data-label="Image">A group of children and an adult are gathered around a large jigsaw puzzle on a yellow table. They are all focused on fitting the pieces together. The puzzle depicts a historical scene of a harbor.</div>
3	<div data-bbox="300 1597 659 1648" data-label="Section-Header"><h3>Stamp & Create</h3></div> <div data-bbox="327 1686 975 2168" data-label="List-Group"><ul style="list-style-type: none">• Guide your students to create travel trunk postcards using our self-inking stamps.• Help them imagine what early migrants might have packed for their journey to Singapore.• This activity supports the development of children's motor skills and creative expression.</div> <div data-bbox="1021 1601 1484 2083" data-label="Image">Two children, a boy and a girl, are smiling and holding up their completed travel trunk postcards. The postcards feature illustrations of travel trunks and other items, created using self-inking stamps.</div>

Letter Explorer

Component	Details
Activity	Use magnetic letters to spell Singapore's historical names
Skills Targeted	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Letter recognition• Word formation• Historical knowledge
Materials Provided	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Magnetic letters• Magnetic Whiteboard (on the back of Programmes Cart)• Educator's prompt cards and printed visuals <p>These items are placed in the drawer labelled "Magnetic Letters" of the cart.</p>
Tips for Educators	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Guide conversations using Educator's prompt cards• Teach children to spell names of Singapore using the four flash cards



Picture Puzzle Adventure

Component	Details						
Activity	<p>Fix jigsaw puzzles inspired by Singapore's past, where children learn about:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">Trade activities at our bustling harbourOur early migrants and the work they didHow our island has grown over the years through land reclamation						
Skills Targeted	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Historical awareness• Problem-solving skills• Social interaction skills						
Materials Provided	<p>Five puzzle designs with various difficulty levels:</p> <table><tr><td><u>A4-sized puzzles</u></td><td><u>A3-sized puzzles</u></td></tr><tr><td>i. 24-piece x 3 sets</td><td>i. 24-piece x 2 sets</td></tr><tr><td>ii. 36-piece x 3 sets</td><td>ii. 45-piece x 1 set</td></tr></table> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Educator's prompt cards and printed visuals <p>These items are placed in the drawers labelled "Puzzles" of the cart.</p>	<u>A4-sized puzzles</u>	<u>A3-sized puzzles</u>	i. 24-piece x 3 sets	i. 24-piece x 2 sets	ii. 36-piece x 3 sets	ii. 45-piece x 1 set
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Tips for Educators	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Start with simpler puzzles• Encourage group work• Ask guiding questions about the images• Link completed puzzles to exhibition content						



Stamp & Create

Component	Details
Activity	Recreate a migrant's travel trunk by making a postcard using self-inking stamps.
Skills Targeted	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fine motor skills • Creative expression • Historical awareness
Materials Provided	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A5 postcard featuring a suitcase • Self-inking stamps of various designs • Pencils and erasers • Educator's prompt cards and printed visuals <p>These items are placed in the drawer labelled "Stamps & Templates" of the cart.</p>
Tips for Educators	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Guide conversations using prompt cards • Ask students about their choice of items in the suitcase • Discuss the significance of such items

