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What's the difference between a children's museum and a museum for children? This week's guest Sharon Shaffer will explain why this is more than a semantic difference and how all museums can use their resources to support early childhood learning. Dr. Sharon Shaffer is the author of Engaging Young Children in Museums, recently published by Left Coast Press.

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Author of Engaging Young Children in Museums Dr. Sharon Shaffer is a consultant and leading expert in the field of early learning and museum education. She draws on nearly twenty-five years of experience in the field as the Founding Director for the Smithsonian's model lab school in Washington, DC. Shaffer received The Secretary's Gold Medal for Exceptional Service from the Smithsonian Institution – the only educator with this distinction – for creating a national model in museum-based learning for young children. Her experience includes consultations with museums and schools nationally and internationally, ranging from program development and evaluation to strategic planning and

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