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☀️ Summer is an important time to relax, have fun with friends & family, and enjoy some vacation. It can also present key opportunities to change gears, look at life with fresh eyes, and learn new things!

☀️ In (sun)light of this, DFI's Summer 2024 newsletter features some of our favorite resources to support engaging, enriching, tech-related learning during this season. Enjoy!

DFI Announces Transmediation Fellowships

This year's Transmediation Fellows are Dr. Beth Rubin (Dept. of Arts and Humanities) and Dr. Rachel Talbert (Dept. of Curriculum and Teaching).



Dr. Beth Rubin
*Department of Arts and
Humanities*

Dr. Rubin’s transmediation project grows out of her ongoing **Civically Engaged Districts Project**, a community-engaged research practice partnership dedicated to supporting schools and districts to become more nurturing spaces for youth civic development. Dr. Rubin will collaborate with the Digital Futures Institute to produce a series of video interviews that will allow students, teachers, and school leaders to hear from peers and others who have undertaken civic action research about their experiences.

Dr. Talbert will collaborate with the Digital Futures Institute to produce videos and site-based media that extend her ongoing collaboration with the Lenape Center in New York City, in the development of curricular materials that raise awareness for K12 students about Lenape history — as well as public-facing work.



Dr. Rachel Talbert
*Department of Curriculum and
Teaching*

Both projects directly engage community partners and expand existing knowledge with the inclusion of diverse voices and innovative methodologies. We look forward to collaborating with these projects and helping to share them with the Teachers College community as they take shape!

Poolside Reads

In addition to that beach novel you’re eagerly awaiting, you can peruse the following poolside reads:



Recent Publications from DFI Affiliated Faculty and Students



4 Things to Know about Play and Wellbeing

DFI Podcasts

Want listening that pairs well with the sounds of waves crashing on a beach or the buzzing of summer cicadas? Catch up on some of our favorite DFI podcast episodes from this year, including these selections from our latest season of **Pop and Play!**



- [Children's Immersive Play](#)
- [Drag and Playing Roles with Lil Miss Hot Mess](#)
- And our epic 2-part series on [Disney's Galactic Starcruiser](#) and [How Do You Design an Immersive Experience?](#)

Media Creation Resources

Inspired by what you've just listened to? Then dive into the podcasting process with these self-guided resources for scholars, including how to center the listener, choose the right microphone, and editing throughout the process.



Macy Studios for Recording

Find out more about Macy Studios, and learn how to reserve time in our quiet recording space.



The Sandbox Exhibit

 A bit of the beach comes to DFI 

On June 11, the Digital Futures Institute **celebrated the first International Day of Play by opening its Sandbox Exhibit!** Throughout the year, DFI centers play as a site of imagination, creativity, and possibility. Understanding more about learning through play is a crucial part of DFI's mission.



Visit the DFI Gallery's Sandbox Exhibit this summer to explore the dimensions of sandbox play, now through August 30, 2024! Open Monday-Thursday, 10am-5pm.

What are you doing this summer?

DFI would like to know: **Related to technology, fun, and learning, what are you doing this summer?**

- Click on the link below to answer this question and enter the raffle to **win 1 DFI gift bag** 🎁!

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