Beatrix and Peter
While many children are familiar with Peter Rabbit, this program will open their eyes to the creator of the famous radish-eater. Explore the solitary childhood of Beatrix Potter, meet her menagerie of unusual pets, examine her detailed illustrations of plants, animals, and insects, and follow the transformation of a naughty rabbit’s exploits from real life to literature.

Common Core State Standards, Language Arts: RI.K.1, RI.K.10, W.K.8, SL.K.1

Kamishibai
Kamishibai (pronounced kah-mee-she-bye), or “paper theater,” is a dynamic performance art that first delighted crowds on the streets of Japan in the 1930s. By the 1950s, colorful kamishibai stories were the most popular form of children’s entertainment in the country! This program weaves Japanese history and culture into a live kamishibai performance, and finishes with students producing their own story cards to gain a unique perspective on storytelling in other parts of the world.

Common Core State Standards, Language Arts: RI.1.1, RI.1.7, SL.1.2, SL.1.3
NJ Core Curriculum Content Standards, Visual Arts: 1.3.P.C.6, 1.3.2.D.1, 1.4.P.A.7

Mr. Andersen
Who grew up poor, set out for Copenhagen at age 14, never learned to spell properly, and was one of the greatest fairy tale writers the world has ever seen? Learn about the unusual life of Hans Christian Andersen and discover how his personal experiences shine through his stories and his expressive paper cuts. It’s a fascinating exploration of how an author’s life is reflected in his works, placed in the context of one of Andersen’s most beloved tales.

Common Core State Standards, Language Arts: RL.2.2, RL.2.3, SL.2.1, SL.2.3
NJ Core Curriculum Content Standards, Visual Arts: 1.3.P.C.6, 1.4.P.A.7

Colonial Classroom
Immerse yourself in Colonial history! It’s a fully interactive school day in 18th century New Jersey, complete with slates, quills, hornbooks, and reproductions of copy books, primers, and writing blanks from Cotsen’s collections. Under the Schoolmaster’s watchful eye, pupils will recite, cipher, “toe the crack,” and discover how very different school was in the 1700s. An exceptional opportunity to experience history first hand!

Common Core State Standards, Language Arts: RI.3.3, RI.3.7, SL.3.3

Illuminate Me
The Renaissance was full of innovation and invention, including the creation of the world’s first printing press! But before the printing press, books were lavishly illustrated by hand. First, we’ll go through the elaborate steps required to recreate a single illuminated manuscript page. Then, we’ll take a closer look at a replica 1450s Gutenberg press and early printed books to learn how these Renaissance innovations changed the world…and how they still affect us today.

Common Core State Standards, Language Arts: RI.4.7, W.4.7, SL.4.1.c

You Are Here
Transport your classroom to crowded 18th century London as we learn about social classes, education, and John Spilsbury, inventor of a landmark educational object that changed the way children learned about geography. Examine reproductions of historical geographical objects, and use your newly acquired expertise to place them on an 18th century timeline. A potent mix of social studies, history, and hands-on experience your students will never forget!

Common Core State Standards, Language Arts: W.5.7, SL.5.1, SL.5.3

QUESTIONS? READY TO BOOK A PROGRAM? Contact Dana Sheridan, Education & Outreach Coordinator
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Registration & Restrictions
Cotsen in the Classroom programs are free and can be booked by K-5 classrooms and home schools located within 10 miles of Princeton University’s campus during regular school hours. E-mail inquiries are always welcome, but please note that registration is by phone only. The programs are booked on a first-come, first-served basis. For this reason, we cannot hold dates. Schools with multiple classes are asked to book programs on the same day to reduce staff travel and increase staff availability to other schools. Participation in a program requires initial registration, a signed contract, and the involvement of teachers at all times. This program is not available for birthday parties, camps, after-school programs, private gatherings, etc. Thank you!
About Our Program

*Cotsen in the Classroom* is our response to educators who have expressed an interest in the special collections at the Cotsen Children’s Library. We have two goals for this program: 1) To make Cotsen’s collections come alive for children in a relevant, dynamic, and innovative manner; and, 2) To make this program useful and easily accessible to educators.

Our programs:
- Come directly to your classroom
- Are facilitated by a Cotsen staff member
- Are correlated to the CCSS and the NJ CCCS
- Include take-home materials for your students
- Are **FREE** of charge

*Cotsen in the Classroom* is available to K-5 classrooms and home schools located within 10 miles of the Princeton University campus. Information about registration and restrictions is located on the reverse side. For a complete listing of correlations to the Common Core State Standards and NJ Core Curriculum Content Standards, visit: www.princeton.edu/cotsen/education/cotsen-in-the-classroom

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No book could provide what this program gave to the students...

Our presenter was an excellent speaker who knew her topic and was fantastic with students.

—Teacher, Wicoff Elementary School

The children benefited from the rich vocabulary and unusual visual aids. Great presentation!

—Teacher, Eldridge Park Elementary School

It was something we would never learn anywhere else. It was really cool!

—Student, St. Paul School

I love this program and will continue to invite it back…thank you for creating such programs that enhance the curriculum.

—Teacher, Riverside Elementary School