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It's *All Aboard for Story Time!* with the Museum Director on April 29

SACRAMENTO, Calif. – It's *All Aboard for Story Time!* with a very special celebrity guest reader – Dr. Ty Smith, Museum Director – on Monday, April 29, at 11 a.m. at the California State Railroad Museum. To the delight of young children and train enthusiasts alike, Smith will read the children's book *Owney, the Mail-Pouch Pooch* written by Mona Kerby. As background, Smith joined the California State Railroad Museum as Director on April 1, 2017. Smith joined the Railroad Museum with extensive experience and after serving various roles within California State Parks, including at Hearst Castle, the California State Capitol Museum, and for the Parks Online Resources for Teachers and Students Program. Smith earned a Ph.D. from the University of California Santa Barbara in Public History, an M.A. in Public History from California State University Sacramento, and a B.A. in History from California Polytechnic University State University-San Luis Obispo. In addition to his role as Museum Director for the California State Railroad Museum, Smith also serves as a Lecturer, College of Arts & Letters, in the History Department at California State University, Sacramento.

All Aboard for Story Time! is offered every Monday morning year-round. Through this interactive and fun program, parents are encouraged to let trains and railroading introduce and foster the love of reading with their imaginative young children ages two to five. The *Story Time!* program showcases different railroad-related books each month. Afterward, children and parents are encouraged to explore the Museum. Whether it's toy trains or big locomotives, there is always something to discover in the California State Railroad Museum – North America's most popular railroad museum – that will thrill children (and adults) of all ages.

The *All Aboard for Story Time!* program is included with Museum admission: \$12 for adults; \$6 for youths ages 6-17; free for children ages 5 and under. For more information about the *Story Time!* reading program or the California State Railroad Museum in general, please call 916-323-9280 or visit www.californiarailroad.museum/.

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The mission of the California State Railroad Museum Foundation (CSRMF) is to generate revenue and awareness on behalf of its destinations, while supporting the preservation, interpretation and promotion of our railroad heritage. The Foundation provides funding for ongoing support of numerous programs, both at the museum's Old Sacramento location and at the historic park in Jamestown, Calif. For more information, please visit www.californiarailroad.museum.