



GTCC Summer Institute 2026

Workshop: 2618	
TITLE:	<i>Springtime Spark: Planting Engagement Through Play and Books</i>
COURSE DESCRIPTION:	Beat the spring slump with a high-energy workshop packed with centers, games, and book-inspired activities. You'll build multiple make-and-take projects for math, language arts, and science topics tied to spring themes—gardening, insects, farming, and more. Kris brings brand-new games, and Wendy shares exciting book-based ideas—giving you everything you need to keep students motivated from March through June.
SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:	If you know the language arts and math concepts you will be teaching (March-June) at the end of the year (ie: spelling words, sight words, blends, addition up to 20, etc.), bring lists/standards to use as a guide for the activities. If you have a favorite pair of scissors, bring those.
PRESENTER(S):	Wendy Reynolds & Kris Paro
TARGET AUDIENCE:	PreK-3 Educators
DATE:	Monday-Tuesday, July 27-28, 2026
TIME:	8:30 AM - 5:00 PM daily (1 hour lunch break)
LOCATION:	Shelby, MT
SITE:	Shelby Elementary School Library, 901 Valley St., Shelby, MT
ENROLLMENT:	Limit of: 24
CREDIT: COURSE SYLLABUS <i>Requirements outlined in the syllabus are only for those taking the class for college credit.</i>	15 OPI PD Renewal Units -OR- 1 semester credit Continuing Education Credits (MSU-Northern) will be available (\$200 - paid at the workshop).
EXPENSES:	Participants will be responsible for travel, lodging, and meals.
REGISTRATION POLICY:	\$45 (GTCC Member) / \$110 (Non-Member) Registration and payment are accepted online www.gtccmt.org REGISTRATION IS CONFIRMED UPON RECEIPT OF PAYMENT ONLY NO REFUNDS AFTER MAY 15, 2026