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Get Creative with Youth Art Month

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March is Youth Art Month (YAM), a celebration of the visual arts that is currently promoted and organized by the Council for Art Education (CFAE). However, the Art & Creative Materials Institute (ACMI) actually started Children's Art Month in 1961 to highlight the value of visual arts education for children. The annual celebration was expanded to include secondary school students in 1969 and officially changed to Youth Art Month. Fifteen years later, ACMI established the CFAE to advocate for visual art education and coordinate the YAM program at the national level.

The YAM theme for the 2023-24 school year is "Dream in Art." While there are many active state chapters for Youth Art Month, unfortunately, no state program coordinators are listed for Idaho. That doesn't mean you can't implement fun activities and programs in your school or district throughout March! CFAE usually coordinates a flag design contest using the annual theme. Consider making a display of student art in a school common area, such as the library, and allowing students to vote on their favorite designs. Go beyond your school walls and create a district-wide contest, offering special prizes for the winner. Get inspired with this list: <https://www.weareteachers.com/display-student-work/>

There are many paths you can take to celebrate Youth Art Month, both in and out of the classroom. Consider partnering with a local art center or organization that may offer guest speakers with no fee. CFAE has a list of Idaho organizations at this link: <https://councilforarteducation.org/Idaho/>.



Remember, the only limit is your imagination!

Imagination is more important than knowledge. Knowledge is limited. Imagination encircles the world. - Albert Einstein

"Low Hanging Fruit" is available through school libraries and made possible with support from the Idaho Commission for Libraries. For previous editions, go to: <https://libraries.idaho.gov/lowhangingfruit>.

The Met 360° Project

Check out this series of six videos that take you on a virtual tour of The Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York.

<https://www.metmuseum.org/art/online-features/met-360-project>

Louvre Kids

A small collection of art curated by the Louvre for Kids. <https://louvrekids.louvre.fr/>

Louvre at Home

Visit galleries and museums from the Louvre, plus enjoy podcasts and featured events from the Louvre auditorium!

<https://www.louvre.fr/en/online-tours#louvre-at-home>

PRACTICAL APPLICATIONS



Give weeded books a second life

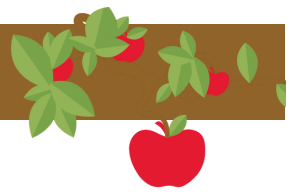
Collaborate with the school librarian to use discarded books for art projects. Books that are no longer useful as a library book can live on in the capable hands of an imaginative student. Google "discarded library books for art" and let the fun begin!

DIGITAL TOOLS



PBS LearningMedia: IdahoPTV and PBS have curated FREE, curriculum-aligned videos, interactives, lesson plans, and more for teachers and students. A variety of subjects are available, including four art-specific subjects: dance, theater, visual arts, and music.





What's happening in the library

Here is our school library information for this month.

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