“Artsy” Reads for Kids

Tips and Techniques from the Master (pieces)!

We hope you’ll file this issue for future use!

Experience Art

Snow Art: Kids getting cabin fever this winter? Try this activity for little artists:

Snow Art Project:

Project: Snow Art

Materials:
- Colored food coloring
- Area with snow

Instructions:
1. Squirt food coloring onto the snow. Make sure to mix red, yellow, and blue to create green, orange, and purple.
2. Stand back and admire your masterpiece!

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Great Teen Books About Art

Great books to help you learn about art and art history.

Nonfiction

The First, True, or Only Truth by Elizabeth Hand

Interweaving fiction and nonfiction in the world of art and storytelling. Exploring the World of Art, Washington National Gallery of Art, 2009

Fiction

The Art of Juggling by Elizabeth Hand

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Great Online Art Resources

- Scholastic Art Factory: www.artfactory.com
- Art for Kids Hub: www.artforkidshub.com
- Art and Education: www.ari.edu
- Art Education: www.arted.com
- Art for Kids: www.artforkids.com
- Art Teacher: www.arteacher.com
- Art Projects: www.artprojects.com
- Art Lessons: www.artlessons.com
- Art Ideas: www.artideas.com
- Art Tools: www.arttools.com
- Art Supplies: www.artsupplies.com

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Little-Known Secrets

For the Love of Music: The Remarkable Story of Maria Anna Mozart by Elizabeth Rush (2011)

Easy to read, but as complex as the sonata upon which this book is based. Maria Anna Mozart is really the story of Wolfgang Mozart’s sister. They traveled together, performing in Europe for three years, but were not favored as musicians, and at some point, Maria had to stay home. Wolfgang wrote their compositions, and her music superhit, but none of it has been found. Read the notes at the front of the book before reading the book!

Music history, biography – ages 8 - 12

Would you like to know what female artist painted her older sister and small children? What does love, loin, and shade have to do with color? Are you depressions that can be avoided? How to improve the complimentary color to purple? Look at Kid Web to find the answers!

To enter your art projects and get started, simply access the PPLD website at ppld.org and on the main page find Kids Web. Click the link on the right-hand bar. Click the icon, then click Explore the Web to find more projects to try. Go to Awesome Library and access The Arts. Twenty entries from Architecture to Theater enable the parent/teacher to build an amazing experience for the students in your homeschool.

Perhaps the home educator would like books to enhance an art subject. Simply click on Kids Web then access Book Ideas in the postcard and choose your subject or venue to allow any age student to benefit from books on or about art. To encourage your budding artist, read and discover the Caldecott Medal Award-winning titles! This year’s award went to the artist of the most distinguished American picture book for children. This award is given annually by the Association for Library Service to Children, a division of the American Library Association, to the artist of the most distinguished American picture book for children. More fantastic art ideas may be found in Homework Help: Kids Web Art and complete list of lesson plans and websites are available for the arts.

Kids Web is an incredible resource for any parent but especially the home teacher. Peruse the Kids Web, do not keep it a secret, and enjoy investigating the many areas of discovery with your children!

How old are your children?

We have five children, Our oldest daughter is a student at UCCS. Our second daughter is 16, a student at PPCC and a homeschool high school student. Our oldest son is almost 11 in 7th grade and completely homeschooled. Our oldest daughter is 19 and a college student at UCCS and she is almost 3 years old and a kindergarten student completely homeschooled.

Why did you decide to homeschool?

We were living in Denver when my oldest reached school age. We had not heard of homeschooling at that time. A cousin of mine was an art student at the Christian Home Educators of Colorado (CHEC) Fair and we were hooked. We found that we were able to homeschool without registering to - Caldecott Medal Winner!!

What curriculum do you use?

We started with a boxed curriculum called Abeka and moved over into using many different curricula. We have access to lots of textbooks to learn from, which is easiest for us to teach. Everything is online except for counseling, which is teaching, she can teach it. We use a different publisher for every subject and the Library book lists for reading and language are so helpful.

Would you like to be a Featured Family? Contact Gail at gsohns@ppld.org.

Homeschool Programs_Other Events & Programs

Tart Teen Art Competition and Show

TArt is a teen art competition for teens in 6th - 12th grades. Works are juried by PPLD's Teen Advisory Groups and awards given for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd. The pieces will form an art show displayed at East and Penrose libraries for the month of April.

This year’s theme is Fantastical Fare and submissions can be dropped off on March 11 or 12 at the Penrose, East, High Prairie, Fountain, Ruth Holley, or Monument Libraries. For guidelines and submission forms, visit the Library’s Teen site at ppld.org/teens. You can contact Molly Pace at mpace@ppld.org or 531-6333, x2338 with any questions.

How do you incorporate outside activities or sports into your homeschool?

We have been involved with a local enrichment program for 12 years. Over time, our kids have taken many great classes there. They have taken classes in art, ballet, history, and karate. We have used a private instructor for our two outside school kids, but now we have begun playing sports for parks and recreation, in addition to the local middle school. The oldest boy plays football, wrestling, and baseball. Our second son plays football and baseball. And the youngest boy will start t-ball next year. We link to the school web sites to find information and important dates.

What are your children’s interests and future goals?

Our oldest daughter is a junior at UCCS majoring in human biology. She wants to be a doctor. Our second daughter wants to minor in English and is exploring options for her major. Our oldest son is interested in math and physics. Our second son is interested in science and math also. He wants to be an engineer. Our 5-year-old is a bundle of energy.

For more information about this family, click on the icon.

Susan B. Anthony

Susan B. Anthony was born in Adams, Massachusetts, on February 15, 1820. She was a politician, social reformer, and women's rights activist. Anthony is known for her work in the women's suffrage movement and for her advocacy of women's rights. She founded the National Woman Suffrage Association (NWSA) and worked tirelessly for the passage of the 19th Amendment, which granted women the right to vote.

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