

Energize Your Program: Collaborating Across the Curriculum



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<http://eduscapes.com/sessions/energize>

What do you do for fun? Do you get up on Saturday morning and plan a day of math and social studies? Or, are you more likely to listen to music, take a walk, or work on a home improvement project? Why not extend those "real world" times to the school environment by turning the library media center into a place that brings learning alive for students.

Whether it's a book that stimulates a great idea for a skit and video or a discussion with the media specialist that helps a student brainstorm for an inquiry project, the school library provides the bridge between the curriculum and the rest of the world. Let's make school engaging through authentic, meaningful activities. This means turning the library into an exciting learning laboratory filled with resources, tools, spaces, and places for sharing. Energizing your program means creating synergy. Synergy is created by combining resources with exciting, inquiry-rich learning environments. Idea - ArtsEdge from Marcopolo - <http://artsedge.kennedy-center.org/>

Visual Art

School library media specialists, technology coordinators, and classroom teachers can work together to design environments to release the artistic energy of children. Bring art into your center. Develop ongoing, art-based activities. Display student work in showcases, bulletin boards, and easels. Invite the art teachers to collaborate on ways to make your center visually rich.

Inspiration and Exploration

Escapbooking	http://escapbooking.com/
A Century of Grand Canyon Art	http://www.batguano.com/century/index.html
The Love of Monsters	http://aardvarkelectric.com/gargoyle/
Internet Resources on Fine Arts	http://eduscapes.com/tap/tapart.html
4explore: Fine Arts	http://42explore.com/42explorearts.htm

Tools of the Artist

Explore ways to enhance your center through artistic connections.

<i>Teen Knitting Club: Chill Out and Knit</i> by Wenger, Abrams, and Lasher	
National Museum of Art: Kids	http://www.nga.gov/kids/kids.htm
The Artist's Toolkit MIA	http://www.artsconnected.org/toolkit/
Art Games for Kids	http://www.albrightknox.org/artgames/
Art Studio Chalkboard	http://www2.evansville.edu/studiochalkboard/

Connections: Art+

Build books, videos, pieces of artwork, and tools of art into center displays and activity areas.

All Subjects Rockwell's America <http://www.childrensmuseum.org/>

Artists Jan Brett <http://janbrett.com/>

English Saint George and the Dragon <http://www.nga.gov/kids/rogier/rogier1.htm>

Library Dragon http://www.booksprogram.com/readalong/library_dragon.htm

	Search for Monster	http://nationalgeographic.com/ngkids/9903/
Read	Be An Architect	http://www.sanford-artedventures.com/play/arch2/index.html
	<i>Rembrandt's Hat</i> by Susan Blackaby	
Writing	Landscape Tutorial	http://www.wetcanvas.com/ArtSchool/Oils/SmallLandscape1/
History	Eternal Egypt	http://www.eternalegypt.org/
	Dorothea Lange	http://www.getty.edu/art/exhibitions/lange/index.html
Gov't	New Deal for the Arts	http://www.archives.gov/exhibits/new_deal_for_the_arts/
Geography	Africa & the Art of a Continent	http://artnetweb.com/guggenheim/africa/
	Landscapes	http://www.virtualmuseum.ca/Exhibitions/Landscapes/home-e.html
Math/Science	Symmetry and Patterns in Textiles	http://mathforum.org/geometry/rugs/symmetry/
	Symmetry in the World	http://www.adrianbruce.com/Symmetry/
Technology	Create art including scanners, digital cameras, and laptops.	

Performing Arts

From music to theatre, the performing arts are attractive to many of our students. Whether it's holding a poetry slam in the library or building a music area in your center with an electronic music keyboard, bring the center alive through the performing arts. Turn your school library media center into a learning laboratory where students can explore all aspects of performance art. Provide a performance area including costumes, puppets, and other resources to encourage exploration and creation. Consider playing a variety of background music in your center and encourage students to meet and share their ideas about performance art in your center.

Inspiration and Exploration

Many books, websites, and other resources can encourage students to learn about music.

Arizona Opera	http://www.azopera.com/learn.php
Dallas Symphony Orchestra	http://www.dsokids.com/2001/rooms/musicroom.asp
San Francisco Symphony	http://www.sfskids.org/
Arts Alive Canada	http://www.artsalive.ca/en/mus/index.asp
New York Philharmonic	http://www.nyphilkids.org/main.phtml

Tools for Artists

Save the Music Foundation	http://www.vh1.com/partners/save_the_music/home.html
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Connections: Performing Arts +

All Subjects	Yo-yo Ma	http://www.silkroadproject.org/
	ArtsEdge	http://artsedge.kennedy-center.org/content/2349/
Reading	Highlight books with CDs such as the books by John Denver and John Lithgow.	
	NPR Radio	http://www.npr.org/templates/topics/topic.php?topicId=1039
	Songwriter's Hall of Fame	http://www.songwritershalloffame.org/
History	Music with <i>Buddy, Not Buddy</i> ; <i>Crispen</i> ; <i>Soldier's Heart</i>	
	Jazz in the Schools	http://media.jalc.org/nea/home.html
	PBS: The Blues	http://www.pbs.org/theblues/index.html
	I Hear America Singing	http://www.loc.gov/rr/perform/ihas/ihashome.html
	American's Story	http://www.americaslibrary.gov/
Geography	<i>Secret of the Andes</i> ; <i>Nory Ryan's Song</i>	
	River of Song – Mississippi	http://www.pbs.org/riverofsong/index.html
Sociology	Endangered Music	http://www.rykodisc.com/
	Experience Music Project	http://www.emplive.org/
	Save our Sounds LOC	http://www.saveoursounds.org/
	Sounds from the Vault	http://www.fieldmuseum.org/sounds/chooser.html

English	Reader's Theatre	http://www.aaronshep.com/rt/RTE.html
	Storytelling	http://www.storyarts.org/classroom/index.html
	Poetry 180 from LOC	http://www.loc.gov/poetry/180/
	Cue Sheets	http://www.kennedy-center.org/education/cuesheets/home.cfm

Health and Physical Fitness

Health and physical fitness can literally energize your center. Whether it's hosting the morning yoga club or coordinating the safety fair, consider ways to get physically active students into your center and promote healthy living.

Inspiration and Exploration

Physical Education Best Practice Ideas	http://www.pecentral.org/bp/index.html
A Dancer's Journal	http://artsedge.kennedy-center.org/marthagraham/index.htm

Tools for Health and Fitness

Discovery Health	http://health.discovery.com/
WebMD Health Tools	http://www.webmd.com/medical_information/health_tools/default.htm
Partnership for a Drug-free America	http://www.drugfree.org/Portal/drug_guide/
MyPyramid	http://www.mypyramid.gov/kids/index.html
It's My Life	http://pbskids.org/itsmylife/index.html

Connections: Health and Physical Fitness

Science + Reading

KidsHealth	http://www.kidshealth.org/
Sports Illustrated for Kids	http://www.sikids.com/
Nick Gascasters	http://www.nick.com/all_nick/gas/
The Science of Baseball	http://www.exploratorium.edu/baseball/
PowerPoint + Drugs, Vegetarians	

Communication

Blogging	http://central.hcrhs.k12.nj.us/athleticsgoodnews/
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Applied Arts

The applied arts are about thinking, problem solving, collaborating, exploring, creating, and tinkering with ideas. How are you encouraging students to be creative and critical thinkers?

Inspiration and Exploration

Inventors at Play	http://www.inventionatplay.org/
CampSilos	http://www.campsilos.org/

Connections: Applied Arts +

Subjects	GPS Project	http://teachers.esu10.k12.ne.us/gswingle/stories/storyReader\$4
History	Museum of Costume	http://www.museumofcostume.co.uk/

Think different! Look for ways to get ALL children, young adults, and teachers involved with the exciting things happening in the school library media program.