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OPEN YOUR EYES TO ART

Art is a form of expression. Take a look at the art that is currently on display in the Learning Center and observe the various styles these artists have used to express themselves. Find out more about the artist who created a particular piece of art that appeals to you. Learn more about the artist such as; where and when did the artist live, which museums display his or her works of art, what inspired the artist to create these images.

How do the various paintings and photographs make you feel? Which do you prefer? Think about what draws you to a particular work of art, is it the colors, the style, the image itself or something that you can't put into words. Do you prefer Renaissance styles or perhaps Pop Art? That is one of the great things about Art - there is no right or wrong. It is your opinion as to what you like or dislike.

And remember the displays in the Learning Center are just to get you to begin to think about Art. There are many more types and time periods of Art. Some people create sculptures made of wood, clay, stone or other materials. Others might be fiber artists using various types of fiber and cloth to create their art.

Artists are from every race and gender from the beginning of time. So enjoy discovering more about Art and maybe you will decide to express yourself by creating your own unique work of art.

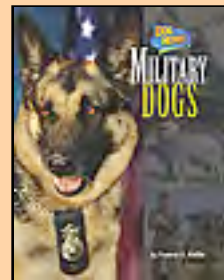
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Sea Lions in the Navy
by Meish Goldish

NEW America's Animal Soliders Series
written by Meish Goldish
Dolphins in the Navy
Horses, Donkeys, and Mules in the Marines

NEW Dog Heroes Books!
Baghdad Pups
Hollywood Dogs
Pest-sniffing Dogs
War Dogs



Military Dogs
by Frances E. Ruffin

Famous Deaf Artists

Are you interested in learning more about Deaf Artists? In the Learning Center we have a book titled, Deaf Artists in America Colonial to Contemporary, written by Deborah M. Sonnenstrahl.

Dr. Sonnenstrahl is Deaf and an Artist as well as an author. Her book depicts Deaf artists' lives from the 17th century to the present. She not only tells you about the artists' lives but shows examples of their works of art. A few examples to pique your curiosity are as follows;

John Brewster - Was born deaf in Hampton, Connecticut in the year 1766. He became one of the best painter who created beautiful images of American people of Post-Revolutionary America.

Boy Holding a Book
1810



N. Hillis Arnold - Was born in North Dakota in 1906, and became deaf at the age of 6 months due to spinal meningitis. As a sculptor, he would work in any material from wood to stone to resin. He believed that his deafness made his work better because he was not distracted.

Maggie Lee Sayre - Was born deaf in 1920 near Paducah, Kentucky. She lived 51 years of her life on a river houseboat on the Ohio and Tennessee rivers. Her family made a living fishing throughout Kentucky and Tennessee. She took photographs that were treasured for their depiction of river life and culture in the 1930s.

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Famous Deaf Artists - cont'd

Tony Landon McGregor - Was born in Garland, Texas in 1958. He became deaf around 18 months old from hereditary causes. As a boy, he was heavily involved in art, and studied drawing and painting. Went to Gallaudet University but transferred to University of Texas where he received a Bachelor of Fine Arts. He has been a computer artist, a gourd carver and a printmaker.

Chuck Baird - Was born deaf in 1947 in Kansas City. He began his art career by painting sets for the National Theater of the Deaf (NTD). He graduated from RIT/NTID with a bachelor's degree in Fine Arts in 1974. He was one of the founding artists of the Deaf View Image Arts. He passed away recently at the age of 64 on February 10th after a four-year battle with cancer.

There are many more Deaf artists that you can learn about in this book so check it out, it just may inspire **YOU** to try your hand at art.

Surrealism

Surrealism is a style in art and literature in the 1920s in which ideas, images, and objects are combined in a strange way, like in a dream.

Artists include Salvador Dali, Frida Kahlo, Henri Matisse, and Marc Chagall.

Close your eyes and picture yourself going on a journey to a fictional place. Open your eyes and imagine that this is where you arrived.

Salvador Dali's
The Persistence of Memory

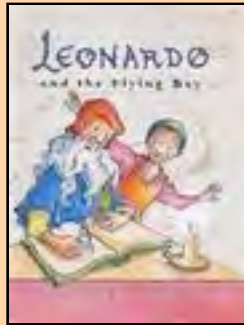


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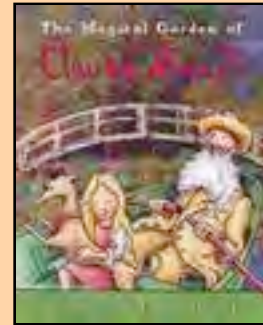
Theme Books @ your library



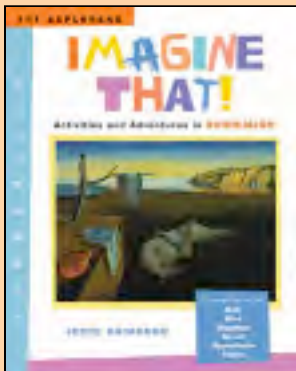
Who stole Mona Lisa?
by Ruthie Knapp



*Leonardo and the Flying Boy:
A Story about Leonardo da Vinci*
by Laurence Anholt



*The Magical Garden of
Claude Monet*
by Laurence Anholt



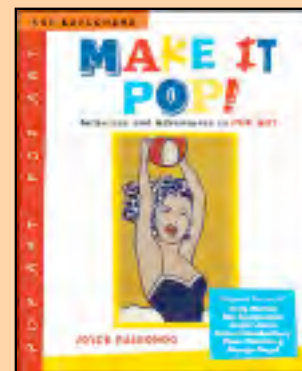
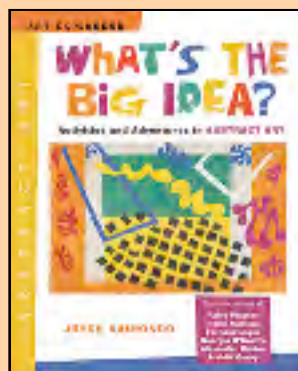
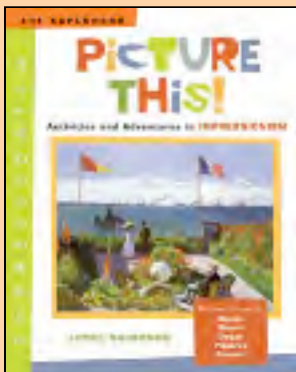
Art Book Series written by Joyce Raimondo

Imagine That! Activities and Adventures in Surrealism

Picture This! Activities and Adventures in Impressionism

Make it Pop! Activities and Adventures in Pop Art

*What's the Big Idea? Activities and Adventures in
Abstract Art*



Read the Most from Coast to Coast Accelerated Reader Day

Students in grades 1st to 12th participated in one-day Accelerated Reader - Read Across America event on March 2nd. This is the first time Renaissance Learning set up a nationwide reading challenge and most of our students participated to read and take quizzes! Schools all over the country have topped the record this year - 3,581,992, from last year's one-day record of 2,177,586!

Our students took a total of 286 quizzes this past Friday (in less than 4 hours)! Our students, who passed the quizzes, received prizes for this event!

Great job! Will do it again next school year!

Snapshots @ your library

