



Artspiration Newsletter

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Summer Artspiration News



Welcome to the Summer edition of the Artspiration Newsletter! We hope the year was successful and artistically fulfilling. As we wind down the school year, please remember to rest and recharge with friends and family!

We look forward to seeing you again when the new school year begins! Happy summer!

SCCOE-Sponsored Events



When: Wednesday, August 27 & Thursday, Aug. 28 from 8 am - 3:30 pm

Where: Santa Clara County Office of Education, 1290 Ridder Pak Drive, San Jose, CA 95131

Audience: School Library Professionals, Educators, Administrators

Opening Keynote: John Schu

Closing Keynote: Stacey Lee

We are offering 3 types of sessions this year:

- **Lightning Sessions** are 25 minutes long. Lightning sessions offer an opportunity for speakers to present exciting ideas and programs that do not require the length of a longer talk.
- **Concurrent Sessions** are 1 hour long.
- **Workshop Sessions** are 2 hours long with a 10-minute break. Workshop

sessions offer an opportunity for speakers to facilitate deeper learning and engagement. They will need to include a hands-on, interactive component.

Register for the 2025 Library Camp



Key Information

- EdTech for Innovation Conference: Bridging the STEM Gap Through Teacher Empowerment
- Friday, July 25th, 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. at the SCCOE
- The event is FREE, lunch will be provided, and participants will receive 1-year access to the **STEAM in AI Community** by DataEthics4All!
- Keynote Speaker: Dee Lanier, who co-authored *The Promises and Perils of AI in Education* with Ken Shelton
- Registration is open at sccoe.to/EdTech4Innovation
- Session themes:
 - AI and Innovative Technologies in STEM Education
 - Cultivating STEM Identity and Confidence
 - Project-Based Learning and STEM Engagement
 - Future-Ready Skills and STEM Career Connections
 - STEM Integration: Resources and Strategies for Educators

Please click on the button below for registration information.

Register Here!

Region 5 Events (Santa Clara, Santa Cruz, San Benito, Monterey)



SUMMER ARTS EDUCATION INSTITUTE

June 9-12, 2025 • 10 AM - 3 PM
Cabrillo College • Aptos Campus

CONNECTION • CREATIVITY • COLLABORATION



Register at bit.ly/SummerArtsEducation2025

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4 CE units available for \$80 through University of Pacific.
For more information contact Audrey Sirota asirota@santacruzcc.edu

Summer Arts Education Institute

Join us for the annual Summer Arts Education Institute to be held at Cabrillo College this year from **June 9-12, 10:00-3:00.**

Please register here:

[Summer Arts Education Institute 2025](https://bit.ly/SummerArtsEducation2025)

Folks can earn 4 CEUs with The University of the Pacific.

(Registration is full, but you may be placed on a waitlist.)

Monterey County Summer Arts Education Institute

You are invited to register for this year's Monterey County Summer Arts Educational Institute, happening **June 10–11 from 8:30 AM–2:30 PM at the Monterey County Office of Education.** Our 2025 theme, "*Building Community Through STEAM Education,*" centers on the power of creativity to connect, inspire, and uplift our students and one another.

Cost: \$200

Register now to secure your spot: **<https://monterey.k12oms.org/1519-263677>**

Partner Corner



KQED Media Literacy Professional Learning

Summer is for recharging! That's why our free **Media Making courses** are designed to be creative, hands-on, and actually useful. You'll earn professional development hours while exploring something you're genuinely curious about, like making podcasts, videos, or infographics. Or, try the **new GenAI course** and learn how to amplify student voice with the responsible use of AI. Our self-paced courses make new tools feel fun and approachable, giving you fresh skills and real confidence. Discover all our professional development offerings on [KQED Teach](https://www.kqed.org/teach), featuring our online courses and live workshops.

Prop 28 and Arts and Music in Schools Survey ****Important****

WestEd, in partnership with Create CA, is conducting a survey as part of a study to deepen our understanding of the challenges and enabling factors that districts and schools encounter in utilizing Proposition 28 Arts and Music in Schools funds. The survey should take approximately 10-20 minutes to complete and can be accessed through the link by clicking on the button on the left.

Please note that all responses will be kept confidential.

Who Should Complete This Survey?

- Visual and Performing Arts Coordinators
- School District Leaders
- County Office of Education Leaders
- Principals & School Site Administrators
- Charter Management Organization Leaders
- Arts Teachers
- Non-Profit or Community Organizations
- For-Profit Arts Providers

Your perspectives and knowledge are highly valuable, and your participation in this survey will make a significant contribution to creating a comprehensive statewide analysis. The insights gathered will also be pivotal in advancing arts education in California.

[Get the Flyer](#)

[Take the Survey](#)

Arts Reading

How Electives Help All Students Succeed



Edutopia
By Miriam Plotinsky
May 20, 2025

Giving

students a choice of electives increases engagement and allows them to develop skills outside of core academic subjects.

[Read More](#)



Editorial: The transformative power of public art

Gilroy Dispatch
By Robert Airoidi
May 23, 2025

In a world increasingly shaped by technology, commerce, and rapid urbanization, public art stands as a profound counterbalance—a humanizing force that elevates the collective spirit of a community. Art in public spaces does far more than decorate; it educates, inspires, and connects.

[Read More](#)

Technical Assistance and Office Hours

As your County Arts Coordinator, I am available for consultation about all things arts education and can provide professional learning for educators, arts organizations, and community organizations. If you would like to connect, send me an email. In my response email, use the hyperlink 'Book time with Sofia Fojas' to set up a meeting. The meeting link can be found below my signature.

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