

WORKSHOPS OFFERED BY THE ENRICHMENT ALLIANCE IN 2013-2014

These workshops are intended to be inclusive of all children, regardless of needs, ability, interests, background, English language skills, and/or learning style. We use varied approaches to activities and provide adaptable materials. Most of the photographs included below were selected to demonstrate the range of abilities and interests of the children and youth who participated.

Workshops are typically made up of four to six one hour sessions, but we are flexible as to both length and duration. Fees for 2013-14 are \$30.00 per hour. An additional materials fee is calculated for most units, based on the typical cost of the supplies. These are indicated at the end of each course description.

Backyard Biologists This workshop opens children's eyes to the natural wonders in their own backyards. Emphasis on observation and environmental stewardship.

Materials fee: \$5:00 per student.



Book Illumination This workshop can run concurrently with *Poem Parts* or *This is My Quest* or it may be offered as an entirely separate session. Participants have a wide range of materials to choose from as they experience the medieval art of book illumination.

Materials fee: \$5:00 per student.



The Care of Magical Creatures

Through art, literature, puppetry, puzzles, and other activities, participants encounter the legendary and mythical creatures that populate the Harry Potter series.

Materials fee: \$5:00 per student



Comic Creations

This workshop introduces participants to the techniques used by comic strip artists to express character, setting, motion and other ideas. This workshop also helps draw participants' attention to non-verbal communication, such as facial expressions and body language.

Materials fee: \$10.00 per student



Container Gardening

This unit provides an opportunity to explore both the arts and sciences together as we employ elements of design to group plants attractively.

Materials fee: \$10.00 per student.



Creative Constructions

This workshop is intended to help participants become excited about architectural design and construction and to introduce them to architectural styles from around the world. Materials include recycled cardboard, Lego's, architectural blocks, templates, and Google Sketch Up.

Materials fee \$3.00 per student.



Fabric Self-Portraits. Wednesdays and week-ends only. Details TBA.

Harry Potter Science

This workshop employs materials from Delta Science's *Harry Potter Science*. In this workshop we capitalize on enthusiasm for the Harry Potter series to explore principals of physicals, chemistry, and biology.

Materials fee: \$5.00 per student.



It's Instrumental

By making instruments inspired by traditional instruments, students will explore elements of sound and design as well as familiarize themselves with music different cultures and eras. An optional interactive concert with Kim and Jimbo Cary can be added for \$125.00, contingent upon our organization securing a matching grant from The Virginia Commission for the Arts. *This applies only to the optional concert.* The base fee for It's Instrumental is the same as other sessions.

Materials fee: \$2.50 per student

Mask Making

Participants will be exposed to various cultures and eras as they develop their creative gifts through this often fanciful workshop on masks. Students will be introduced to the various uses of masks and be given opportunities to create a variety of masks of their own.

Materials fee: \$5:00 per student.



Poem Parts

Age appropriate lyrics from hip hop, rap, and other popular music are used to identify some of the basic elements of poetics, such as imagery, alliteration, and repetition. Participants are introduced to these devices through examples from song lyrics and published poems. They then work these poetic devices into their own original work.



Paper Capers

All things paper: origami, paper airplanes, Crazy Dolls and Aliens (creative mixed media paper dolls), and masks are included among the possibilities in this unit. This is an easy “to go” project that we often take with us to parks and resource fairs.

Materials fee: \$2.00 per student



Paper Mill in A Mason Jar

Students will make paper at their desks, using mason jars and hand-blenders. Students enjoy using a variety of materials to experiment with texture and color.

Materials fee: \$2.00 per student



Puppetry

In this workshop students may make their own puppets as well use puppets from our collection to explore basic story telling elements. They will create scripts based on folktales from around the world and write puppet shows employing familiar folk tale motifs.

Stories of The Arabian Nights

We encounter the magical world of the celebrated collection through storytelling activities and crafts.

This is My Quest

This workshop explores the Middle Ages in fantasy and in reality. The Arthurian Grail Cycle provides the framework for the sessions. This program has many components and can be expanded or abbreviated as needed. Activities include reading, book illumination, drama, costume design, and crafts. Participating programs may choose to include either a student-written video about a quest, or a medieval fair, however this option requires a commitment of time beyond our usual 4-6 hours. Our staff can teach at our regular rate of \$30.00 an hour plus materials, or a curriculum and accompanying materials may be rented for \$10.00 a week, plus the student fee given below.

Materials fee: \$5.00 per student



West African Decorative Art

In a workshop that introduces the importance of African Art to the Western World, students have an opportunity to explore a variety of West African art forms, including instrument making, fabric art and beading. Program leaders may choose to focus on a specific form or take a more eclectic approach. Often, we will introduce traditional techniques but adapt them to the culture and interests of contemporary youth, as seen in the picture to the right.

Materials fee: \$5.00 per student



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