



## Arts Resources Training & Support

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Hours: 1-5 p.m. M - Th; 1-4 p.m. Friday

9-11:30 a.m. First Saturdays

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### ARTS Center Support Team

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### ARTS Center Resources

- Arts books, videos, slides, musicals, art reproductions, CDs, cassettes
- Arts integration units prepared by ARTS Center staff
- Children's literature that integrates well with music and art

### ARTS Center Services

- Workshops on art, music, dance, drama, and literature integration
- 1-on-1 consultations on arts curriculum planning
- Help planning arts integration units
- Firing clay for schools
- Finding that special song, art work or book

## PUPPETS GALORE

You may have already been introduced to the adorable puppets made by the Folkmanis Puppet Company but if you haven't, or would like to be reintroduced to them, come to the APS ARTS Center.

We have 20 new puppets available for check-out from spiky red or green dragons to a fabulous fortune teller. APS employees can check out one, two or three of them for one month. We also have an owl that turns his head and blinks his eyes, wolves and bears, alligators with teeth and many more too numerous to mention.

If you need help learning how to use hand puppets or you want a story turned into a script for a puppet to perform, we will be glad to help. We can also suggest background music for them to swing and sway to - or we can find a song for them to sing.

All we ask is that you take really good care of our new friends: keep them in their bags when not in use - and don't take them to lunch!



## Very Special Opportunities

Every once in a while, teachers are offered the chance to explore opportunities to enrich students' learning that are almost too good to be true. This is one of those times. VSA (Very Special Arts) North 4<sup>th</sup> Art Center is an organization that offers a rich and exciting variety of contemporary dance, theater, music and film presented by local, national and international artists.

Eric Avery, the AmeriCorps Theatre Coordinator at the VSA North 4<sup>th</sup> Art Center, is available to work with APS students, K-12, in the areas of theatre and drama. Eric has an extensive background in theatre and can offer workshops designed to supplement an existing curriculum or aid student development outside of class through mask-making, playmaking, musical theatre, viewpoints, period movement, auditions/college prep, etc. Avery is also involved in the National VSA's *Playwright Discovery* program that involves students in creating new works in traditional and non-traditional modes.

In addition to these services, there are two touring shows available to come to schools this spring. Equilibrium Theatre Company and Buen Viaje Dance Company are the resident theatre and dance companies for VSA. Performances of their latest works with the option of a "talk-back" with the dancers afterward are available. There are also opportunities for theatre or dance workshops that can take place before, after, or independent of the performances that are appropriate for all ages.

**Now for the "too good to be true" part—all of these opportunities are offered at no cost. Free!** All you have to do is to contact Eric Avery at VSA North 4<sup>th</sup>, [north4ththeatre@gmail.com](mailto:north4ththeatre@gmail.com) or give him a call at 345-2872.