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# Helpful Websites with a Fine Arts Emphasis

There are an infinite number of places out there where information on the four fine arts disciplines can be found. The APS ARTS Center as well as your school and local library are prime examples of locations where books, music, visuals and other forms of information can be checked out in addition to the opportunity to talk, in person, with an experienced resource teacher or librarian.

Within the constantly changing landscape of technology, however, a whole new world has opened up at our fingertips that can be accessed instantly without even leaving your desk. The internet can provide a wealth of resources that can be helpful in planning lessons and activities in art, music, drama and dance. Here are just a few to explore:

## DRAMA

[www.aaronshp.com/stories/folk.html](http://www.aaronshp.com/stories/folk.html) A great site for folk tale resources and how to use them to inspire story theater.

[www.cre8tivedrama.com](http://www.cre8tivedrama.com) - This site has lessons for grades pre-K-12, which are arranged by drama focus (e.g. pantomime, puppets, social drama, etc.).

[www.aate.com](http://www.aate.com) - This is the American Alliance for Theatre and Education website. Almost everything you could possibly need or want for drama/theatre is on this website!

## VISUAL ART

[www.kinderart.com](http://www.kinderart.com) - This site provides a wealth of art and craft lessons in a variety of media ranging from drawing to sculpture. Lessons are available for all grade levels.

[www.artbookscreativity.org](http://www.artbookscreativity.org) - The APS Fine Arts program has been working with the National Museum of Women in the Arts in Washington, DC for five years to develop a curriculum based on art elements, communicating about art, and bookmaking. This website provides access to this in-depth curriculum.

[www.incredibleart.org](http://www.incredibleart.org) - The name of this website says it all. It's the Incredible Art Department, and it provides links to lessons, clip art, computer art games, resources, and other fabulous "art stuff".

## MUSIC

[www.philtulga.com](http://www.philtulga.com) - If you check out the "programs" and "activities" buttons on this website, there are lots of interactive musical activities in which students can engage. For example, students can hear each character that is represented by a certain instrument in "Peter and the Wolf".

[www.mudcat.org/kids](http://www.mudcat.org/kids) - This section of the Mudcat Café provides instructions on how to construct musical instruments such as drums, rattles bells and winds from everyday objects.

[www.silkroadproject.org](http://www.silkroadproject.org) - A wonderful multicultural organization founded by world-renowned musician Yo-Yo Ma. This website can tie in many Social Studies themes by introducing students to unusual instruments, they can listen to world music, and learn historical information about the Silk Road.

## DANCE

[www.creativedance.org](http://www.creativedance.org) - This organization is home to a technique called "BrainDance", which can be used for ages 5 through adult. The site also provides links to information about how dance can be used to improve kinesthetic awareness and brain function.

[www.artsedge.org](http://www.artsedge.org) - This Kennedy Center site provides access to all 4 disciplines. If you select dance from the drag-down menu to the left, many dance activities and lessons are available. You can also search by grade level, or another subject you would want to integrate.

[www.artslynx.org/dance](http://www.artslynx.org/dance) - This site provides literally hundreds of links to different websites that contain anything you ever wanted to know about dance including: multicultural dances, ballet, choreographers, and dance therapy just to name a few.