

Two workshop sessions will be offered during this event. Session 1: 1:00 – 1:50pm; Session 2: 2:00pm – 2:50pm. Participants, up to 18 years of age, are asked to register for the workshop(s) they wish to attend. The workshops offered have limited capacity and will not be available for registration once maximum capacity is reached. We encourage you to review each workshop description prior to registering. Adults are welcome to participate, if space allows, or observe the workshops with their child. **Children age 7 and under must be accompanied by an adult willing to assist the child as necessary during the workshop session.**

We recommend that all students pre-register to ensure the availability of workshops. If you have any questions, contact us at SPOTLIGHT@illinoispta.org

LITERATURE

LI31 – Magnetic Haiku Grades 3+ (Session 1) Limit 16

Participants will select magnet words to compose a haiku. The structure and concept of a haiku will be explained, enabling a broader vocabulary understanding.

LI32 – Making Characters Come to Life Grades 3+ (Session 2) Limit 16

One of the most integral parts of any story is crafting relatable and vivid characters. This guide will teach you how to dream up exciting new characters, define their backstory, and visualize their appearance.

PERFORMANCE ART

PA01 – Rhythmic Fusion: Drum Circle All ages (Session 2) Limit: 20

Join us for a rhythmic journey like no other! An immersive experience where participants of all ages and skill levels come together to connect through the universal language of music. Whether you're a experienced musician or a complete beginner, this workshop promises to ignite your spirit and foster a sense of community. Come drum with us and discover the power of rhythm!
Instruments provided or bring your own.

PA11 – Let's Dance Together Pre-school – Grade 2 (Session 1) Limit: 20

Join our dance experience and step into the rhythm of fun! Learn basic moves, improve coordination, and groove with confidence in a supportive environment. Come make a dance with some new friends. **Loose clothes and socks required.**

PA12 – Ready, Set, Improv! Pre-school – Grade 2 (Session 2) Limit: 16

This will be a beginning improv class. Students will learn what improv is, how to participate and play in improv and the basics of improv. Most of the workshop will be spent on stage actually creating improvs. We will have some props and costume pieces available to make our improv more fun!

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PA34 – Ready, Set, Improv! Grade 3+ (Session 1) Limit: 16

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VISUAL ARTS

VA00 – Foil Art! All Ages (Session 1) Limit 20

Get ready to say WOW! Your child will love making this clever and beautiful foil art piece! This Amazing aluminum foil art uses a very simple technique to make a beautiful art piece.

VA11 – I Can Draw That! Pre-school – Grade 2 (Session 1 and 2) Limit: 16 per session

Join us for a captivating Directed Drawing Workshop where you'll unleash your inner artist and embark on a journey of creative expression. Using a technique that guides participants, step-by-step, through the process of creating stunning artwork, regardless of prior experience or skill level. **Smock suggested.**

VA12 - A Little of This... 3D Creations Pre-school – Grade 2 (Session 1) Limit: 30

Art can be beautiful and serve a purpose too. Let your sculpting skills shine by creating a pinch pot, weaving a basket, and building a structure.

VA13 – A Little of That... Japanese Art Preschool – Grade 2 (Session 2) Limit: 30

Explore different techniques used by Japanese artist to express their culture. Experiment with salt painting, Carve a wood block print from Styrofoam. Bring "Good Luck" home with a Japanese Fish Kite. **Smock suggested.**

VA34 – Watercolors, Inspired by the work of Jen Aranyl Grades 3+ (Session 1) Limit: 16

Be inspired as we explore the bold and vibrant style of Jen Aranyi. Dive into the world of watercolors and dimensional form. This hands-on workshop invites you to experiment, discover, and create meaningful art. No experience necessary – just bring your imagination and let's paint! **Smock suggested.**

VA35 – Abstract Self-Portrait, Inspired by the work of Sandra Silberzweig Grades 3+ (Session 1 and 2) Limit: 16 per session

An abstract self-portrait with swirling lines and vibrant colors, bold shapes, intense colors with hints of darkness to suggest depth. This artwork invites viewers to reflect on their inner world and embrace their uniqueness.

VA36 – Let's Make Cartoon Characters, Animals and more! Grades 3+ (Session 1) Limit: 16

Have you ever wanted to create cartoons, characters, and creatures? This workshop explores how to make your very own characters through drawing and writing! No matter the skill level, you'll be able to enjoy the process of creating and designing your own characters step by step.

VA37 – Neurographic Art Grades 3+ (Session 2) Limit: 16

Join us for a workshop where participants will craft their own neurographic art piece. Using simple lines and watercolors, they will explore art as a therapeutic outlet and gain insight into the process of creating neurographic art.

VA38 – Knots & Knotting: Craft Your Own Macramé Masterpiece! Grades 3+ (Session 2) Limit: 16

Unlock the artistry of macramé! Delve into the world of knots as we explore seven distinct techniques, empowering you to create your very own stunning macramé wall-hanging.