REthinking Craft Time:
Recycled Art
Community Partnerships
Zero-Waste Programming
About Us

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REthinking Craft Time - Program

- Creativiteas
- Community Partnerships – Connecting with your community
- Zero-Waste Programming – Clallam County Waste Reduction
- Recycled Art – Fresh program ideas and hands-on activity
Creativitea Program History

Modeled after Paint ‘n Sips

Artist Led

Staff Led
Community Partnership

Two community organizations

Same Program Idea

Similar Goals
Creativiteas – bright ideas in the making

Glass Jar Terrariums

Two Branches

Outside the Box Thinking
REthink Fair!

- Hosted by the library
- Partnership with NOAA AmeriCorps
- 10 + community partners
- Share Community Resources
- Education, outreach, and activities
# Building Community Partnerships & Collaborations

## Rethink Fair Partners
- Clallam County Solid Waste
- WSU Extension
- Americorps
- National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)
- Olympic Coast Marine Sanctuary
- Olympic National Park
- Surfriders
- Peninsula College
- ARTC
- Sequim Maker Space
- Feiro Marine Life Center

## Communications and Partnerships — Tools

### Government
- City/County/State/Federal

### Local Tribal Organizations

### Education/Schools

### Local Businesses

### Clubs & Non-profits

### Community Organizations
Communication and Partnerships - Tools

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The essence of collaboration is suggested by the word itself. Collaboration is about co-labor; it occurs when people from different organizations work together through shared efforts, resources and ownership of a common goal. Strong partnerships occur between organizations with similar backgrounds, clear loyalties and interests; clear communication channels; responsibility and accountability for success and sharing of resources, risks, and rewards. The following tools are designed to help you form strong, collaborative partnerships inside and outside of your organization.

Compatible Library Partners Chart

What to Consider When Entering into a Collaborative Process

Tips and Techniques for Creating Strong Partnerships

Ten Examples of Successful Library Collaborative Projects

Compatible Library Partners Chart
Three “C’s” for program planning

Collaboration

Cost

Creativity
You don’t have to reinvent the wheel

Partnerships in programming make sense

- Is it already being done?
- Is it being offered for free?
- Can the library provide the space?
- Can the library help with the cost?
- Identify common goals
Staff costs are often overlooked

- Reuse and Repurpose
- Outside talent
- Minimize supplies
- Reduce staff time
Be willing to share the "spotlight"

- Connect with your community
- Tap into others talents
- Keep your eyes and ears open
Let’s get Waste Wise

• We live in a throw-away society!
• The average person throws out 4 lbs. of waste every day.
• Much of this waste has beneficial uses.
Putting That “Waste” To REuse
How we do it

• Master Compost +Recycler Program
• Educational Resources
• Waste Audit & Operation Improvements
• Food Recovery & Donation
• Reuse & DIY Workshops
• Materials Collection
• Zero Waste Party Kit
• Connection & Partnerships
Connections & Partnerships
Create Your Own

• For your office meetings or events
• For your community to rent
• Put together with thrift store finds

Total cost of kit (for 15 people): ~ $50
Average cost (per person/event): ~ $1.5

Pays for itself after 3 events!
Materials Collection
Diverting Materials

• Preventing waste through collection and re-use!

• Materials collected are for residents, teachers, and used for re-use workshops

• Easy to start your own!
Why It Matters

• Keep program costs low
• Benefits your community
• Reduce your environmental impact
• Educational opportunity
Reuse For Art’s Sake!

What will you create!? 
Repurposed Art

- Fresh program ideas
- Hands-on activity
Bright ideas for repurposed crafts

- Terrariums
- Holiday Crafts
- Artist Trading Cards
- Nuts and Bolts Jewelry
- Pill Bottle Crafts
- Repurposed Book Art

Zero Waste Program Ideas
Zero Waste Creativiteas and Crafts
Trashy Fashion – Halloween Costumes
Glass Jar Decorated Terrariums
Holiday Creativitea and Zero Waste Gift Wrapping
Repurposed Crafts – Books and More
Artist Trading Cards
Libraries Across America ATC SWAP

- A book is a dream that you hold in your hand. - Neil Gaiman
- I don't want to just read books. I want to crawl inside of them and live there.
- Because I'm the kind of girl who fantasizes about being trapped in a library overnight. - Rainbow Rowell
- Find your wings in a book.
Thanks for working with us.

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Artist Trading Cards How-To for WLA

• Select 2 cards for background
• Select a quote or image from suggested ideas or come up with one of your own.
• Select colored paper and/or embellishments
• Choose “medium” – markers, colored pencils, stamps, watercolor crayons, etc.
• Draw, decorate, embellish & assemble using adhesives
• Write your name, the date, your library/affiliation on back.
• Keep one and add one to the trading card holders up front.