

“Teaching” Creativity is Hard, Teaching Art is Easy

Teaching and Learning Creativity through Children's Literature

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Tenant #1: You Are Creative

Books with Creative Characters

- Chamelia - Ethan Long (2011)
- Woolbur - Lee Harper (2008)
- Iggy Peck, Architect - Andrea Beaty (2007)
- Naked Mole Rat Gets Dressed - Mo Willems (2009)
- Marshall Armstrong New To Our School - David MacKintosh (2011)
- Andrew Drew and Drew – Barney Saltzberg (2012)
- Funny Machines for George the Sheep – Geraldine Elschner (2014)
- Little Red Writing – Joan Holub (2013)
- Elmer – David McKee (1989)
- Art's Supplies – Chris Tougas (2008)

Books about Being Creative

- The Dot - Peter H. Reynolds (2003)
- Willow - Denise Brennan-Nelson & Rosemarie Brennan (2008)
- Mix It Up - Herve Tullet (2014)
- Art & Max - David Wiesner (2010)
- Beautiful Oops - Barney Saltzberg (2010)
- Think Big –Liz Barton Scanlon (2012)
- Not a Box - Antoinette Portis (2006)
- The Box – Axel Janssens (2012)
- Not a Stick – Antoinette Portis (2007)
- The Book that Zack Wrote – Ethan Long (2011)
- The Runaway Mummy – Michael Rex (2009)

Tenant #2: Creative Thinking is Work

“the next step is perseverance and patience” Michael Michalko

Perseverance and Patience

- The Most Magnificent Thing - Ashley Spires (2014)
- Today I Will Fly - Mo Willems (2007)
- Otto Goes to the Beach - Todd Parr (2014)
- Stuck - Oliver Jeffers (2011)
- The North Star - Peter H. Reynolds (2009)

Tenant #3: You Must Go Through the Motions

Practice Makes Perfect

- The Boy from the Sun – Duncan Weller (2007)

Tenant #4: Your Brain is Not a Computer

“The brain thrives on creative energy that results from experiences, real or fictional” Michael Michalko

- Grumpy Bird – Jeremy Tankard (2007)
- Boo Hoo Bird – Jeremy Tankard (2009)
- Rhyming Dust Bunnies – Jan Thomas (2009)
- Pete the Cat – Eric Litwin (2010)

Tenant #5: There is No Right Answer

"Aristotle believed that things were either "A" or "not A." To him the sky was blue or not blue -- never both. Such dualistic thinking is limiting. After all, the sky is a billion different shades of blue." Michael Michalko

- Sky Color – Peter H. Reynolds (2012)

Multifaceted Nature of Creativity

- Todd Parr Books (1998 - present)
- Ish - Peter H. Reynolds (2004)
- My Heart Is Like a Zoo - Michael Hall (2009)
- Perfect Square - Michael Hall (2011)
- Windblown - Edouard Manceau (2013)
- Don't Push the Button! – Bill Cotter (2013)
- Help! We Need A Title! – Herve Tullet (2013)
- A Perfectly Messed – Up Story – Patrick McDonnell (2014)
- The Pencil – Allan Ahlberg (2008)
- The End (Almost) – Jim Benton (2014)
- Open This Little Book – Jesse Klausmeier (2013)
- Tap the Magic Tree – Christie Matheson (2013)
- Don't Push the Button – Bill Cotter (2013)
- Press Here - Hervé Tullet (2011)
- What if you Had Animal Feet!? – Sandra Markle (2015)
- What If You Had Animal Hair!? – Sandra Markle (2014)

Tenant #6: There is No Such Thing as Failure

"Trying something without succeeding is not failing. It's producing a result."

Books about Creative People

- Odd Boy Out - Don Brown (2004)
- Picasso's Trousers - Nicholas Allan (2011)
- Katie and the Starry Night - James Mayhew (2012)
- Laurence Anholt Books
- Willow – Denise Brennan- Nelson (2008)
- Uncle Andy's - James Warhola (2003)
- Henri's Scissors – Jeanette Winter (2013)

Tenant #7: We Don't See Things as They Are, We See Them as We Are

"All experiences are neutral. They have no meaning. You give them meaning by the way you choose to interpret them... You construct your own reality by how you choose to interpret your experiences." Michael Michalko

Jones and Stawn Tenant #8: Creativity Takes Time

Are we building in time for creativity every day?