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## 2025: Fall Programs Proposal







*Hi,  
I'm Jenny!*

Perhaps my greatest gift is bringing out the gifts in others. Since earning my Masters in Art Education and Special Education in 2013, I've worked with adults, seniors and underprivileged teens—populations often challenged by anxiety, perfectionism, and self-doubt. These experiences shaped my approach as a “Workshopper” and Art Coach; an educator for everyone, especially those who would typically shy away from taking an art class.

My creative empowerment workshops are mobile, accessible, and designed to meet people where they are. I've taught in museums, libraries, art centers, and community spaces across New England—always with a focus on inclusion and encouragement. While many institutions offer art classes, few are designed for those who believe they “can't draw a stick figure.” My sessions provide a supportive, step-by-step environment where everyone is guided to create with confidence.

It's a privilege to witness people move past their limiting beliefs and discover that there's no such thing as a “non-artist”—only artists with something in their way. In a world that so deeply needs compassion, creativity, and innovation, the arts hold the key to meaningful change.



# Programs for Adults/Seniors

Activity	Cost (all materials are provided)
<p><b>Stamping 101</b></p> <p>Unleash your creativity in this beginner-friendly workshop designed to inspire! Participants will explore the basics of designing and using rubber stamps to create repeated patterns and enhance their art projects, journals, gifts, and more. This playful, hands-on class starts with an introduction to essential art terms and an overview of creative possibilities using stamping techniques. Guided, step-by-step instruction will help participants pair and layer images to craft unique designs. Attendees will experiment with a variety of ink types and stamping methods, culminating in a finished piece of art and a handmade bookmark to take home.</p>	<p>\$350 for up to 16 people</p>
<p><b>DATE NIGHT DRAW!</b></p> <p>Grab your partner or a friend and join us for a lighthearted, skill-building drawing session! You'll learn how to draw a proportionally accurate head while practicing how to sketch and draw from observation. There's a fun reveal at the end that'll make you both smile!</p>	<p>\$450 up to 40 people (20 couples)</p>
<p><b>Art for the "Non-Artist"</b></p> <p>Designed specifically for those who don't consider themselves artists, this class will equip you with foundational observational drawing skills and leave you with a stunning, realistic feather drawing you'll be proud to showcase. Using Prismacolor pencils, you'll learn techniques to bring depth and detail to your work in a supportive and encouraging environment. With art coach, Jenny Santa Maria, guiding you every step of the way, you'll discover that creativity is within reach—even if you've never taken an art class before. If you've ever hesitated to try your hand at drawing, this is the perfect class to begin your artistic journey!</p>	<p>\$350 for up to 20 people</p>
<p><b>Embroidery 101: Fall-Inspired</b></p> <p>Cozy up with the art of hand embroidery in this beginner-friendly workshop! We'll explore fall-inspired designs like mushrooms, pumpkins, and leaves while learning foundational stitches including the split stitch and French knot. No experience is necessary; beginners welcome!</p>	<p>\$350 for up to 16 people</p>

All materials are included in the cost.

# Programs for Children

Activity	Cost (all supplies included)
<p><b>Model Magic Moments: A Sensory Art Adventure (K-3)</b></p> <p>Join us for a fun and engaging sensory experience designed for little hands and big imaginations! In this playful workshop, children will color Model Magic clay using Crayola markers, knead it to blend vibrant colors, and craft their very own snail and rose creations. These delightful projects will harden within 24 hours, becoming cherished keepsakes to enjoy and display. Perfect for young artists, this class fosters creativity, fine motor skills, and the joy of making something special. Let’s play and create together!</p>	<p>\$400 up to 12 children *must be accompanied by an adult</p>
<p><b>Art for the Budding Naturalist: Metamorphosis</b></p> <p>This engaging art activity invites children ages 6–10 to explore the fascinating world of butterflies through hands-on creative expression. We'll take a close-up look at real pinned insects from a display case to observe details, colors, and patterns, then use art materials to illustrate the stages of metamorphosis. Perfect for curious young minds who love nature, art, and discovery!</p>	<p>\$350 up to 12 children *must be accompanied by an adult</p>



I work with libraries across the region to offer thoughtfully designed art workshops that align with grant requirements and community goals. All lessons are adaptable to meet the unique needs of your patrons, including individuals with special needs, and can incorporate multicultural components when desired. Whether you're looking to support creative aging, youth engagement, or inclusive programming, I can tailor the experience to reflect your library's mission and the interests of your community.



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