

Des Moines Performing Arts
& Des Moines Public Schools

Arts Integration Workshops

Held during contracted PD days

Join us on an upcoming professional development day to add new strategies to your teacher toolbox! These day-time arts integration workshops are for teachers of various subjects and require no previous arts experience!

Free for Des Moines Public School Teachers

**CUT PAPER: A PATHWAY
TO CREATIVE WRITING**

for grades 2 and above
January 16 12-3 PM

**DRAWING SYMBOLS FOR
READING COMPREHENSION**

for grades 2 and above
January 17
8-11 AM OR 12-3 PM

TINY TOY TALES

for grades preK- 2
March 14
8-11 AM OR 12-3 PM

**BOOM! BANG! POW!
CREATING CAUSE & EFFECT
CONNECTIONS THROUGH
COMICS**

For grades 2 and above
APRIL 28
8-11 AM OR 12- 3 PM

Register Now!

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DES MOINES PUBLIC SCHOOLS &
DES MOINES PERFORMING ARTS
PRESENT:

Drawing Symbols for Reading Comprehension

Arts Integration Workshop for DMPS teachers

for grades 2 and above

When drawing is used to make sense of information presented audibly or through text it can't be beat! If you want to greatly increase students' ability to accurately recall what they read, organize events in the proper sequence, and make sense of unfamiliar content, this interactive workshop is for you.



WORKSHOP HIGHLIGHTS:

- Literacy Engagement
- Held during contracted PD time
- Taught by Jamin Carter, Kennedy Center teaching artist

JANUARY 17

8 - 11 PM OR 12- 3 PM
Kurtz Opportunity Center

**FREE TO ATTEND
FOR DMPS TEACHERS!**

*REGISTRATION DEADLINE JAN 8



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DES MOINES PUBLIC SCHOOLS &
DES MOINES PERFORMING ARTS
PRESENT:

Cut Paper: A Pathway to Creative Writing



Arts Integration Workshop for DMPS Teachers

for grades 2 and above

The process of writing stories can be challenging for young authors. In this workshop, explore how students can use scissors, glue, and construction paper to create artwork that becomes the bridge between an unformed idea and a unique, descriptive story.

Learn to use selected elements of art, such as shape, color, and space, to connect to story components (e.g., character, setting, events, main idea, and details). Participants will leave with workable, accessible tools for students to create ideas, think divergently and write creatively.



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12 PM - 3 PM

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PRESENT:

Tiny Toy Tales

Arts Integration Workshop for DMPS Teachers

Make & Take for grades preK-2

Tired of the same old read alouds? Ready to put the arts back into language arts? Tiny Toy Tales are well-known books that have been adapted for storytelling and integrate multiple curricular objectives. Stories come alive as they are told using tiny toys and props.

In this workshop, participants will observe a Tiny Toy Tale, receive the materials to make their own, and have time to assemble it!



WORKSHOP HIGHLIGHTS:

- Literacy Engagement
- Held during contracted PD time
- Taught by Kassie Misiewicz, master teaching artist

MARCH 14

8 -11 AM OR 12- 3 PM

Kurtz Opportunity Center

**FREE TO ATTEND
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*REGISTRATION DEADLINE MARCH 5



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PRESENT:

Boom! Bang! Pow! Creating Cause & Effect Connections Through Comics

Arts Integration Workshop for DMPS Teachers

for grades 2 and above

The literary medium of comic books engages students with a dynamic and expressive way to demonstrate understanding!

In this workshop, participants dive into the vibrant world of comic creation, learning to help their students craft colorful comics that illuminate cause and effect relationships both in their curriculum and in their daily lives. These comic book creations transcend traditional art projects—they serve as dynamic, quick assessments of student comprehension.



WORKSHOP HIGHLIGHTS:

- Literacy Engagement
- Held during contracted PD time
- Taught by Garrett Brown, master teaching artist

APRIL 28, 2025

8- 11 AM OR 12 -3 PM

Kurtz Opportunity Center

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