



Illinois Art Education Association

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Dear Librarian,

March is **National Youth Art Month!** In celebration, the Illinois Art Education Association would like to make you aware of this year's state theme: ***Designers and Dreamers for a Brighter Tomorrow***. We hope you have art-related activities planned at your library during the month of March and would love for you to sign an endorsement of Youth Art Month.

As art educators, we know that we play an important role in the development of children in Illinois. Fostering creative, confident and critical-thinking citizens is central to our teaching mission. We strongly believe that every student in Illinois must have the opportunity to learn the concepts, skills and history of the arts. We want to thank you for any efforts you have made in the past to enhance our mission and invite you to continue exposing children to art through your library programming.

We value your support and involvement in the comprehensive education of Illinois students. Please enjoy the attached poster featuring artwork created exclusively by students in Illinois. If you would like a printed copy we would be happy to send you one upon request. Please take a moment to sign the attached endorsement and return a copy to me via email, fax or USPS. We will be submitting a report to the National Art Education Association including all of the activities that supported Youth Art Month in Illinois. Please let us know how your library celebrated. We welcome photos, copies of programs from art shows or even a simple email telling us what you did. If your art programs are supported financially in any way by outside sources or businesses, we would be delighted to report that as well. Thank you for your efforts to help us celebrate Youth Art Month!

Sincerely,

Judy Krueger  
Youth Art Month Chairperson  
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