Subject Headings for Art Education and Community Arts

Library of Congress Subject Headings are used in library catalogs and some article databases to apply standardized terminology in describing the subject matter of information sources. These subject terms can then be used to identify, gather, and retrieve information sources on the same topic.

Searching with subject terms – or clicking on the subject term links in catalog and database records – can help in discovering additional sources not retrieved by a keyword search. Subject terms may differ, however, from the words we use in everyday language: For example, instead of “art education,” LCSH uses the term Art--Study and teaching.

Please note that this list is NOT comprehensive. For further recommendations on subject terms relevant to your research topic, contact Ellen Corrigan, subject librarian for Art & Design.

**Art Education**
- Art--Study and teaching
- Arts--Study and teaching
- Art appreciation--Study and teaching
- Blackboard drawing
- Children’s art
- Child artists
- Children’s drawing
- Drawing ability in children
- Creation (Literary, artistic, etc.)
- Creative ability
- Creative teaching
- Creative thinking
- Education--Standards
- Common Core State Standards (Education)
- Art--Study and teaching--Standards
- Visual education

**Community Arts**
- Art centers
- Artists and community
- Community arts projects
- Community education
- Group work in art
- Museums and community
- Public art

**Museums**
- Museums--Educational aspects
- Museums--Social aspects
- Museums--Technological innovations
- Museum visitors
- Museum attendance
- Museum outreach programs
- Museums and schools

**Curriculum**
- Art in education
- Arts in education
- Curriculum planning
- Curriculum evaluation
- Interdisciplinary approach in education
- Lesson planning
- Creative activities and seat work
- Activity programs
- Art in mathematics education
- Games in art education
- Teaching--Aids and devices

**History and Theory**
- Art--Philosophy
- Art--Study and teaching--History
- Art--Study and teaching--Philosophy
- Education--Philosophy
- Educational psychology
- Aesthetics
- Art criticism
- Art, Modern--21st century

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Social Issues
Art and society
Arts and society
Art--Sociological aspects
Art and social action
Art and social conflict
Social problems in art
Social movements in art
Social justice in art
Social practice (Art)
Critical pedagogy
Culturally relevant pedagogy
Multicultural education

Technology
Art and computers
Art and technology
Art--Computer network resources
Art--Technological innovations
Computer art
Computer artists
Computer drawing
Computer graphics
Digital media
Digital images
Digital humanities
Educational innovations
Educational technology
Education--Effect of technological innovations on
Internet in education
Interactive art
Interactive multimedia
Multimedia (Art)
New media art
Mass media and art
Mass media and the arts
Technology and the arts
Virtual museums
Virtual reality in education
Maker movement in education

Disability Studies
People with disabilities and the arts
Museums and people with disabilities
Artists with disabilities
Special education--Art
Children with disabilities--Education
Learning disabled children--Education
Attention-deficit-disordered children--Education
Children with autism spectrum disorders--Education
Autistic children--Education
Inclusive education

1 “Study and teaching” can be qualified by education level, e.g., Art--Study and teaching (Continuing education)
Other qualifiers: Early childhood, Elementary, Graduate, Higher, Middle school, Preschool, Primary, Secondary.

2 LCSH uses Art (singular) to describe the visual arts in general, and Arts (plural) to describe literature, the performing arts (dance, theater, music), and visual art collectively.

3 Used for “chalkboard drawing”

4 Sometimes keywords work better than subject headings. For example, LCSH has no collective term for the concepts of STEM and STEAM, instead using a separate subject heading for each of the disciplines.

5 LCSH uses Teaching--Aids and devices for “curriculum materials”

6 “Art museum” and “Art museums” can be substituted for many of the subject headings beginning with “Museum” and “Museums.”

7 LCSH uses Philosophy for “theory”

8 LCSH uses Art, Modern--21st century for “contemporary art.” Search also by medium (e.g., Painting, Modern--21st century) or geography (e.g., Art, American--21st century).