

How can Arts Award help libraries engage with young people?

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Arts Award offers a good link between children's arts activities and libraries, with loads of resources on hand: computers to type up work, books and computers to research arts heroes, live performances to review.】

Lifelong Learning Officer, Chelmsley Wood Library, Solihull

What does Arts Award offer your library?

A framework for regular activity

Arts Award provides structure and accreditation for your existing offer

Support for one-off projects

Arts Award offers motivation, and gives young people an outcome to take away

New partnerships

Arts Award can open the door to new relationships with education and youth organisations

Evidencing outcomes

As a qualification, Arts Award helps demonstrate impact and progress

Selly Oak Library worked with their Looked After Children's Education Services to support a project by providing space for the young people to exhibit and a venue where they could run their leadership projects.

How can libraries get involved with Arts Award?

Be an Arts Award Supporter

Highlight parts of your programme for children and young people

Arts Award Supporter is a free badging scheme, which can help libraries promote their programme for children and young people. You can highlight activities that young people can use towards their Arts Award, for example:

- ▶ taking part in reading schemes, such as Summer Challenge
- ▶ meeting writers
- ▶ listening to stories and poems being read in the library
- ▶ using computers to research artists and cultural opportunities
- ▶ sharing their skills and leading projects

To register as an Arts Award Supporter simply complete our short online induction tutorial at www.artsaward.org.uk/supporter



Thamesview School working with Gravesend library

Baltic Centre for Contemporary Arts is an Arts Award Supporter. Working with experienced library staff, young people can use the Baltic library and archive to find out more about contemporary artists.

Run Arts Award

You decide how you want to run the award and how many young people to support

If you choose to run Arts Award, your library becomes an Arts Award centre. At least one member of your team will need to train as an Arts Award adviser by attending a training course, available across the country, throughout the year. You can also book a trainer to come to your organisation to train six or more people at a time to suit you.

Advisers can be anyone who has experience of working with children or young people, such as a children's librarian. If you work with freelance writers, check whether they're already trained Arts Award advisers.

Find out more at www.artsaward.org.uk/booktraining

For information on running costs, visit www.artsaward.org.uk/costs

Work in partnership with an Arts Award centre

Encourage young library users and build strong links

A library can easily partner with an existing Arts Award centre, such as a school, arts organisation or youth club. The centre is responsible for entering young people for moderation, but library-based facilities and activities can help young people complete their Arts Award portfolios.

Arts Award is working with **The Reading Agency** to support the MyVoiceUK project. This develops youth-led projects in libraries - www.readingagency.org.uk/young/myvoice

Six **MyVoice Champions** from Thamesview School worked with the local public library in Gravesend and achieved their Bronze Arts Award. They delivered a storytelling session to families at the public library and ran a storytelling workshop at school.

About Arts Award

Arts Award's unique qualifications support young people to develop as artists and arts leaders. The programme develops creativity, leadership and communication skills, and is open to anyone aged 7 to 25.

Arts Award has five levels, four of which are accredited qualifications on the Qualifications and Credit Framework. Gold Arts Award carries 35 UCAS points and young people work at A-level (QCF Level 3) standard. Arts Award Discover and Arts Award Explore introduce the arts to children aged 7 upwards.

The Arts Award Guide is published annually and describes the qualifications in detail, including costs. Download it at www.artsaward.org.uk/guide

What support is available?

The Arts Award helpdesk offers support and advice on **020 7820 6178** or enquiries@artsaward.org.uk

Our website provides information, case studies and ideas for running Arts Award in cultural settings at www.artsaward.org.uk/artsandculture

Arts Award is managed by Trinity College London in association with Arts Council England working with 10 Bridge organisations, which are responsible for Arts Award regional development in England.

Check what's on offer in your region at www.artsaward.org.uk/regions



Burnley Central Library photo Lisa Hindle

Arts Award Discover fitted really well with **Summer Reading Challenge** and contributed to our library strategy. The staff and children enjoyed the project and feedback from parents has been very positive. It was a good way of bringing children of different ages and schools together to have fun and learn. One group of children met outside the library and visited the cinema together as part of the award. ”

Ruth Gedalovitch, Reader Development Manager for Havering Libraries