Learn, Engage, Enjoy!

Exciting changes are coming to the Ryan Learning Center next year. For ten years, the Ryan Learning Center (RLC) has been a space for art making and participatory learning for schoolchildren, teachers, families, and teens—but we know it can do more! Starting in January 2020, we’ll be renovating the RLC to make it an even more accessible and inclusive space for all audiences to enjoy creative activities. Be aware that some parts of the RLC will be closed this winter and spring, but look forward to the unveiling of an exciting, new creative hub in June 2020.

In anticipation of these changes, we’re piloting new programs for families starting this fall. Find us in the galleries for Family Drop-In Drawing two weekends in November and December. More information can be found in the Drop-In Programs section of this brochure.

All Ages

Drop in to the Ryan Learning Center and discover these free programs for children of all ages and their families. Spark your imagination through art-making activities, get to know the collection, and explore the galleries.

The Family Room
DAILY THROUGH DECEMBER 31
CLOSED NOVEMBER 28 AND DECEMBER 25
10:30–5:00
Explore, tinker, and play. Visit the Artist’s Studio for art-making activities related to museum exhibitions. Experience JourneyMaker, the award-winning digital interactive that empowers families to create personalized and engaging museum experiences.

Generous support for JourneyMaker is provided by the Woman’s Board of the Art Institute of Chicago.

Open Studio: Colorful Constructions
NOVEMBER 29–DECEMBER 1
DROP IN 10:30–2:00
FREE, NO REGISTRATION REQUIRED
Create dynamic 3-D paper constructions inspired by Bauhaus artists.

Open Studio: Pop Sensation
DECEMBER 27–30
DROP IN 10:30–2:00
FREE, NO REGISTRATION REQUIRED
Play with color, pattern, and repetition as you take inspiration from Andy Warhol and other Pop artists.

DROP-IN PROGRAMS

Picture This
AGES 18 MONTHS–3 YEARS WITH CAREGIVERS
THURSDAYS, SEPTEMBER 5, OCTOBER 3, NOVEMBER 7, AND DECEMBER 5
11:00–11:30
MEET IN GRIFFIN COURT
FREE WITH MUSEUM ADMISSION
This program offers a chance for all to enjoy picture books that relate to works of art in the galleries. Find each month’s books and themes on our website.

Family Drop-In Drawing: Borrowed Images
DECEMBER 7, 8, 14, AND 15
11:00–2:00
MEET IN GALLERY 200 FREE WITH MUSEUM ADMISSION
Pop artists like Andy Warhol liked to borrow images from TV, movies, and advertisements. Drop in to the Modern and Contemporary galleries and borrow them back for your own Pop-inspired drawings.

Family Drop-In Drawing: Architectural Fragments
DECEMBER 7, 8, 14, AND 15
11:00–2:00
MEET IN GALLERY 200 FREE WITH MUSEUM ADMISSION
Frank Lloyd Wright believed that “space is the breath of art.” Explore positive and negative space in the galleries while responding to creative drawing exercises.
Workshops

Get creative (and maybe a little messy) in artist-led workshops that explore artwork and artistic processes. Registration is required for all workshops; visit artic.edu/calendar for more information. Museum admission is required for Artful Play and Family Workshops—be sure to bring your tickets or Art Institute member card.

ARTFUL PLAY
AGES 3–5 WITH CAREGIVERS
$5 MEMBERS, $8 NONMEMBERS

On the Move
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14
11:00–12:00 OR 2:00–3:00
Can you pose like a sculpture or move like a brushstroke? In this workshop, we’ll explore how artists express ideas of movement before making our own action artworks in the studio.

FAMILY WORKSHOP
AGES 6–12 WITH CAREGIVERS
$5 MEMBERS, $8 NONMEMBERS

Express Yourself
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5
11:00–12:30 OR 2:00–3:30
Visit the exhibition Expressive Ink with artist Leslie Baum and learn techniques for communicating with ink. Then design your own colorful painting in the art studio.

Youth Programs

Teen Open Studio: Pop Factory
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23
DROP IN 1:00–4:00
RYAN LEARNING CENTER
“Art is what you can get away with,” at least according to Andy Warhol.

Teen Lab Showcase and Reception
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14
2:00–4:00
RYAN LEARNING CENTER
Join the Art Institute’s Teen Lab to celebrate their culminating fall showcase featuring original works created by Chicago teens.

Power to the People: Political Posters
THROUGH DECEMBER 31
TROTT FAMILY GALLERY
RYAN LEARNING CENTER
Get inspired to take action when you visit this exhibition of screenprinted posters by Chicago teen artists.

Teen Audio Guide
Experience the museum through sounds and stories produced by Chicago teens. Listen for free on the Art Institute of Chicago app.

DON’T FORGET: CHICAGO TEENS UNDER 18 ARE ALWAYS FREE.
Installations

Draw, touch, imagine—see what’s on view in the Ryan Learning Center.

Room to Move
THROUGH DECEMBER 31
Lights, costumes, action! Step into an immersive stage-like space and find something to try on. Choreograph your moves to music and sounds as lights change. Draw someone performing or design a costume you would like to wear in this experimental experience.

Seeing through Drawing
MCCORMICK FOUNDATION GALLERY
OPEN THROUGH DECEMBER 31
Discover the many ways educators at the Art Institute engage audiences of all ages with simple art-making materials and prompts. From student-guided visits, to visitors in the galleries, to classes that take place over a series of visits, slowing down and making art is a rich museum experience.

Take a Journey through the Art Institute
Find a new and fresh way to visit the Art Institute with JourneyMaker, an award-winning interactive that allows you to create your own customized museum tour. Choose a story line and pick works of art to visit on your one-of-a-kind museum adventure.

Begin your journey at the museum or online at artic.edu/journeymaker. JourneyMaker is available in English, Spanish, and Mandarin.

FAMILY VISITS
Make a trip to the Art Institute fun for the whole family this fall with these tips for looking at art together.

Think Creatively
Play games while looking at works of art. Make up a story. Use funny voices to bring characters to life. Be creative and invent your own game.

Make It a Hunt
Pick your own theme and challenge one another to find things as you walk through the galleries—a place you’d like to visit, something that seems like it comes from a dream, or a detail you would add to your home if given the chance.

Help It Stick
Use works of art to spark conversation. Talk about what you saw together at the end of your visit, and ask everyone what they liked best.
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MUSEUM HOURS

Open daily 10:30–5:00
Thursdays until 8:00
Please visit artic.edu for extended hours.

MUSEUM ADMISSION

Visit artic.edu/visit for admission prices and discounts.

The Art Institute offers free admission for the following visitors:

- Children under 14
- Chicago teens 14–17
- WIC/LINK Cardholders
- Families with a Chicago Public Library Kids Passport
- Members
- K-12 Educators with valid Illinois ID
- Illinois residents with valid Illinois ID (every Thursday 5:00–8:00)
- Active-duty military and their families (Memorial Day through Labor Day)

LOCATION

The museum offers two entrances: one at 111 South Michigan Avenue and one to the Modern Wing at 159 East Monroe Street. Use the Modern Wing entrance to access the Ryan Learning Center.

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QUESTIONS

For more information on programs, call (312) 857-7161 or email familyprograms@artic.edu or teens@artic.edu.

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To request an accessibility accommodation for an Art Institute program, please call (312) 443-3680 or send an email to access@artic.edu as far in advance as possible.