



National Creativity Network

ARTICLES OF INTEREST

September 4, 2026

QUOTE(S) OF THE WEEK

"Without leaps of imagination, or dreaming, we lose the excitement of possibilities. Dreaming, after all, is a form of planning." – Gloria Steinem

"May your future be limited only by your dreams." – Christa McAuliffe

"What is now proved was once only imagined." – William Blake

"Be curious, not judgmental." – Ted Lasso

"How strange it seems that education, in practice, so often means suppression: that instead of leading the mind outward to the light of day it crowds things in upon it that darken and weary it. Yet evidently the true object of education, now as ever, is to develop the capabilities of the head and of the heart." – Louis Sullivan

"A very great vision is needed, and the man who has it must follow it as the eagle seeks the deepest blue of the sky." – Crazy Horse

"I can't understand why people are frightened of new ideas. I'm frightened of the old ones." – John Cage

"The road to success is always under construction." – Lily Tomlin

VIDEO(S) OF THE WEEK

How buildings can improve life — inside and out | Doris Sung
TED Salon: The Rockefeller Foundation

Atlantic Canada Imagination Libraries see donation spike
Global News

Also
Dolly's impact on younger readers in NL
CBC Radio

Pirates, nurses and other rebel designers | Alice Rawsthorn
TED2016

**One of the world's greatest mathematicians explains 6 essential concepts of math
| Terence Tao**
Big Think and Big Think Clips

Also
The paradox at the heart of AI and science | Terence Tao
Big Think and Big Think Clips

Creativity Meets Science: The Peter Wurman Story
National Inventors Hall of Fame

**Amazon Was Supposed to Kill Off Bookstores. James Daunt Had Other Plans. |
Better in Person**
Freakonomics Radio Network and Barnes & Noble

How to design a library that makes kids want to read | Michael Bierut
TEDNYC

The Brain Song – “Weird AI” Yankovic
AIYankovic

Buildings that blend nature and city | Jeanne Gang
TEDWomen 2016

What is Creative Aging? | Lifetime Arts
Lifetime Arts

At 88, Sir Anthony Hopkins Releases His First Album!
CNN

Random Ants and Picture Books: Mo & Cher Willems on Art, Kids, and Discovery
Who's With Me? with W. Kamau Bell

Insight Is an Epiphany, Not a Framework: Jane Fulton Suri
IDEO U

Inside the studio of legendary comic book artist Alex Ross
CBS Morning

FEATURED EVENTS/OPPORTUNITIES

NEW Mayor Bowser Kicks Off 2022 Creates Month, Marks a Decade of Showcasing
DC as the Capital of Creativity

DC.gov

Through September

Welcome to the Art of Being Human - A collective art project for 2026

The Art of Being Human | Jane R. Shore and Sam Chaltain

Through December

Tough Stuff: Women in the American Glass Studio

Corning Museum of Glass, LinkedIn

Through January 10

NEW Crisis leadership 25 years after 9/11

Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health

September 14

The Nature of Health: A Science + Art Symposium

Denver Botanical Gardens

September 17 – 18

Art, connection and creativity converge at the threshold

BloomingtonMN.gov

September 22 – October 27 | Tuesdays

Artists and Cultural & Creative Professionals at the Centre: Rethinking Work, Policy, and Cultural Ecosystems

ENCATC Congress 2026

September 23 - 25 | Nice, France

Creative Economy Pathways | 2026 Virtual Town Hall Series

Creating Abundance Collaborative

September 23 | Creative and Durable Skill Development for the Future of Work

October 14 | Creative Youth Development Launching the Next Generation of Artists

November 18 | Innovative Creative Economy Networks and Ecosystems

CMU's AI Institute for Societal Decision Making presents Creative AI and the Ethics of Art

Free to the People | Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh

November 17

NEW Crayola Creativity Week 2027

Crayola

January 25 – 31

TED 2027

TED

March 1 – 4, 2027 | San Diego, CA

Also

Join us at TED2027 in San Diego, March 1-4

TED Blog

March 1 – 4 | San Diego, CA

NEW Connected for Health: The Inaugural U.S. Social Prescribing Conference

Institute for Social Prescribing | University of Michigan + Social Prescribing USA

March 24 – 26 | Ann Arbor, MI

CreativeMornings | a monthly breakfast lecture series

CreativeMornings

Various

Nesta Talks to...

Nesta

Various

Interactive Map | Science Festivals

Science Festival Alliance

Various

Call for Articles | General Issue

European Journal of Cultural Management and Policy | ENCATC

Deadline: Ongoing

Twenty-Four Smithsonian Shows to See in 2024

At the Smithsonian | Smithsonian Magazine

Various

Idea Jams 2025/2026

Canadian Network for Imagination and Creativity

Series

ARTICLES OF INTEREST

Gloria Steinem, Feminist Icon and Ms. Founder, Dies at 92

Variety

Also

Gloria Steinem, Personification of the Women's Movement, Dies at 92

The New York Times

Later in life, Gloria Steinem found herself free of the 'demands of gender'

Obituaries | NPR

Tributes to Gloria Steinem are flooding in, from Hollywood to Capitol Hill

National | NPR

Gloria Steinem Deserves to Be Remembered as a Writer Too

An Appraisal | The New York Times

Steinem's N.Y.C. Brownstone Will Continue to Be a Sanctuary for Feminism
The New York Times

Gloria Steinem's Final Essay
Life and Letters | The New Yorker

Trump administration threatens to cut off agencies' ties to Smithsonian
Yahoo! Entertainment, The Washington Post

Not Everything Digital Is Good: Tech Isn't Always an Example of Genius
The Walrus

What if We Were All a Little More Like Yo-Yo Ma?
The New York Times

This Student Production of Ragtime Was Cancelled. Then Broadway Chimed in
Playbill

Trump to Break Ground on Arch Before Getting Approval
The New York Times

Honoring the Communities That Produce Knowledge
Issues in Science & Technology

See Familiar Monuments in a New Way as Five Women Who Shaped American History Come to Life Through Augmented Reality on the National Mall
Smithsonian Voices | Smithsonian American Women's History Museum

Tests with No Definite Purpose - Mucking around in the Swamps of Creativity Tests
Learning & Teaching Creativity | Dan Hunter

Lucas Museum of Narrative Art prepares for its long-awaited opening, hopes to spark imagination
Los Angeles Daily News

5 amazing visuals show how the male fruit fly's brain map is advancing neuroscience
Google Blog

Oxford Professor Named Winner of Andrew Carnegie Prize in Mind and Brain Sciences
Carnegie Mellon University

AI visionary Ray Kurzweil is joining a Silicon Valley startup developing a brain computer system that involves snorting nanoparticles
Neuroscience | Fortune

The New Indoctrination Is Coming From Washington
Views | The EDU Ledger

To Capture the Beauty and Wonder of Flight, These Celebrated Artists Created Spectacular Visions of Astronauts, Aviators, Rocket Launches and the Moon
Smithsonian Institution | Smithsonian Magazine

A Mysterious Decagon Unexpectedly Appeared Around Saturn's South Pole. The Ten-Sided Shape Seems to Be a Wave in the Atmosphere
Smart News | Smithsonian Magazine

Women aren't behind on AI. They're ahead on caution required for innovation.
Unleash

What Did Jurassic Forests Sound Like? Like This.
The New York Times

In a First, a Pig Kidney Kept a Patient Alive Until He Got a Human One
The New York Times

The productive 8-hour workday is a myth, and we need to stop believing it
Work Life | Fast Company

The museum is not the building
Fast Company Executive Board

Why are AI companies buying books?
Technology | Fast Company

Apple has a hardware guy as CEO. Here's what people want him to do
Design | Fast Company

Building a futures operating system
IDEO Journal

An epic train chase is turning 100 — and Buster Keaton fans are celebrating
Movies | NPR

Introducing “Corner Piece,” a new TED podcast that starts small on life's biggest questions
TED Blog

What's Your Learning Objective?
Human-Centered Change and Innovation

An end to fully open networks
Seth's Blog

How to Survive the A.I. Shock
Freakonomics Radio

An amusement park on Mount Vernon? The agency tasked to protect cultural heritage just abdicated its responsibilities, opening the door for federal agencies

to wipe out our past
Live Science

Bookshop.org Has Given \$50 Million to Indie Bookstores
Publishers Weekly

40 Filmmakers in 25 Countries Team Up for an Ode to Nature Shot Entirely on Super 8 Cameras
Colossal

The Creative Potential of Growing the World's Tallest Sunflower
Arts Midwest

How contemporary academic structures constrain scientific creativity and hold back early-career researchers
Nature Human Behavior

SocialRx - Bringing community into care
Fierce 50 of 2026 / Social Impact Honorees

Also
Fierce 50
Fierce Pharma

Want kids to be better at math and reading? Send them out for recess | Discovery & Innovation
UVA Today | The University of Virginia

Urbanowski: Reclaiming creativity
San José Spotlight

Building a Career on Curiosity and Collaboration
Cornell Duffield Engineering

U.S. Chamber Letter on Scientific Review and American Medical Innovation
U.S. Chamber of Commerce

Cleveland Clinic Opens Two New Research Buildings
Newsroom | Cleveland Clinic

Over and Out - Bridging scholarly research with management practice creates a dialogue that advances both.
MIT Sloan Management Review

How 'Looney Tunes' Icon Mel Blanc Influenced 'Coyote vs. Acme'
Movies | Gizmodo

Scientists Say a Key Trigger for Alzheimer's Damage Isn't Even in the Brain
Health | Gizmodo

John Malkovich Downplays ‘Wild Horse Nine’ Oscar Buzz and Has No Plans to Stop Acting: ‘They’ll Retire Me When It’s Time’

Variety

Why Top Colleges Are Reversing Course on Test-Optional Admissions

The EDU Ledger

The Invention of Zero: How Ancient Mesopotamia Created the Mathematical Concept of Nought and Ancient India Gave It Symbolic Form

The Marginalian

How I started interviewing (and why I kept going)

Creativity & Education | Felipe Zamana

Tweet! Here are the winners of the 2026 Audubon Photography Awards

Popular Science

Reptiles Make a Surprising Amount of Noise. Here’s What Those Sounds Might Mean, From Pops to Hoots to Bellows

Science & Nature | Smithsonian Magazine

Trump administration says a New York Times win in OpenAI lawsuit would “threaten national security” and hurt small newsrooms

Nieman Lab

Saturday Evening Post Will Stop Printing After 205 Years

The New York Times

Justice Dept. Sides With OpenAI in New York Times Copyright Suit

The New York Times

Cassandra Wilson, Star Jazz Singer, Dies at 70

The New York Times

Paul S. Russell, an Innovator in Transplant Medicine, Dies at 101

The New York Times

Patrick Gleeson, Who Made Synthesizers Part of Jazz, Dies at 91

The New York Times

More schools are banning cell phones. The academic benefits haven’t materialized

Tech | Fast Company

Jason Isbell’s Suno lawsuit takes aim beyond AI copyright

Tech | Fast Company

What it is like to be a dog?

Seth’s Blog

Did Scientists Just Catch a Glimpse of a Dark Matter Particle?

Science | National Geographic

We Can't Let AI Writing Take Over the Internet

Derek Thompson

Atlas of the brain's striatum could guide researchers to new drug treatments

MIT News

Be Emotional

Gapingvoid

Is It Time to Say Bye-Bye to Bayh-Dole?

Issues in Science and Technology

Meet Ms. Murphy, the Teacher Making Science Click in Any Language

Tufts CEEO Blog | Tufts University

Why AI Replacing Electrical Engineers Is a Myth

Design News

Cognition and consciousness arise from analog computations, says new theory

MIT News

Brain stimulation takes aim at improving women's health

Science

This paper changed my life: Embracing an early model for naturalistic neuroscience

The Transmitter

What Employers Want in the AI Era

Connect. Catalyze. Change. | STEMconnector

Apple Begins Its Next Balancing Act as New C.E.O. Takes Over

The New York Times

America's Most Notorious 'Fixer' Gets a New Biography

Book Review | The New York Times

U.N. Says World Will Miss Its 1.5-Degree Climate Target

The New York Times

Opinion | We Know How to Help America's Poorest Kids. Don't Throw That Away.

Guest Essay | The New York Times

LZ Sees Surprising Result in Search for Dark Matter

Brookhaven National Laboratory

Introducing the Fast Company Pacesetters

Pacesetters 2026 | Fast Company

Also

How we chose the 2026 Pacesetters

Pacesetters 2026 | Fast Company

How AWS has embraced AI agents—for itself and its clients

Pacesetters 2026 | Fast Company

How E.I.f. Beauty is building AI into its community management

Pacesetters 2026 | Fast Company

How Caterpillar is using AI to augment human intelligence—and optimize its supply chain

Pacesetters 2026 | Fast Company

Delta's path to integrating AI, from baggage handling to customer service

Pacesetters 2026 | Fast Company

How this Buffalo-based bank is using tech as a competitive edge

Pacesetters 2026 | Fast Company

How the Kansas Department of Labor has implemented AI to make it easier to file for unemployment

Pacesetters 2026 | Fast Company

This clever app turns photos of everyday objects into an aesthetic file system

Design | Fast Company

AI ruined posters. This human designer is fixing them

Design | Fast Company

This clever app turns photos of everyday objects into an aesthetic file system

Design | Fast Company

The hidden ROI of inclusion

Fast Company Executive Board

Beloved writer and environmentalist Wendell Berry has died at age 92

All Things Considered | NPR

14 new books in September to help ease you into fall

Special Series: The Book Ahead | NPR

The Slowing EV Market

Human-Centered Change and Innovation

An autistic girl couldn't tolerate music. Then a book from Dolly Parton changed everything.

Upworthy

Harvard psychiatrist reveals ‘the fastest way to change your life’ using just one Post-it note

Upworthy

How to Find a Meaningful, Purposeful Focus

Let's Talk | Psychology Today

Trump calls for federal tax incentives to revive US film industry

MSN, Los Angeles Times

AMC to Put Smaller Movies Into Theaters With New Venture

The Hollywood Reporter

An under-the-radar audiobook bubble is fueling a fight for listeners and authors

MSN, The Wrap

Sony Music, Warner sue Anthropic, alleging a ‘brazen campaign’ of intellectual property theft

TechCrunch

Yiddish’s ‘revival’ points to its resilience as a portable homeland – and a global reach, from Russia to Mexico to the US

The Conversation

Smithsonian changes course, will put Latino museum in existing building

The Washington Post

Elsevier Launches AI Assistant for Healthcare E-books

Publishers Weekly

Arriving at Collective Power

Stanford Social Innovation Review

Our Vanishing Developmental Commons

Stanford Social Innovation Review

Twelve Centuries of Documents Illuminate Humans’ Quest for Knowledge in ‘World Unfolding’

Colossal

The 17 minutes that changed America

History | National Geographic

Apophenia cuts both ways

Seth's Blog

Smithsonian Secretary Lonnie G. Bunch III Looks Back at the Opening of the African American History Museum on Its Tenth Anniversary

Smithsonian Voices | Office of the Secretary of the Smithsonian

'Rocky' Is the Story of an Underdog, Created by an Underdog, That Has Spawned Box-Office Champions for Half a Century

Arts & Culture | Smithsonian Magazine

If There's A Wii, There's A Way

Gapingvoid

Eric Perreault named new CEO of Morgridge Institute for Research

Morgridge Institute for Research

I'm the 'dean of innovation' and I know that nobody can agree what 'innovation' actually means

Commentary | Disruption | Fortune

More nothing now - We are most human when we play freely, imaginatively, pointlessly. Gamification risks atrophying that most precious capacity

Aeon Essays

Policy Brief: Creative Freelancers

Creative Industries Policy and Evidence Centre

\$25 Million Windgate Hall of Art and Innovation Opens at A-State

Northeast Arkansas Report

Oberlin Reimagines Humanities Education Through \$1.487M Grant

Oberlin College & Conservatory

National Academy of Engineering honors Panchanathan with Arthur M. Bueche Award

ASU News | Arizona State University

Yale School of Medicine Awarded a Nearly \$25 Million Grant to Map the Developing Brain and Advance Autism Research

Yale School of Medicine

The surprising link between false memories and imagination

Big Think

Gift Creates New Brain Science Initiative at Duke

Duke Today | Duke University

The Real Reason You Keep Putting Things Off

The Next Big Idea Club Book of the Day Newsletter

Olivia Rodrigo Reinvents the Feminist Music Festival

The New York Times

Study A.I. Consciousness? The Bots Would Like a Word With You.

The New York Times

How Much Is That Gene-Edited Dog in the Window?

The New York Times

A \$480,000-a-Year Pill Reflects a New Normal for Cancer Drugs

The New York Times

How the FCC-ABC battle could reshape US broadcasting

USA TODAY

MapQuest's app surges to No. 1 in Navigation after refusing to rename Lake Ontario

TechCrunch

Trump Endorses U.S. Tax Incentive to Keep Hollywood Production: 'Let's Get This Done!'

Variety

Dyson just solved flossing with a toothbrush that does it for you

Design | Fast Company

These are the skills you need to navigate an increasingly uncertain future

Ask the Experts | Fast Company

This clever art project lets you feel how high the rent is

Design | Fast Company

AI is making us sound the same—and killing our personal expression

Tech | Fast Company

We finally know more about OpenAI's rogue-agent incident. It's worse than we thought

Tech | Fast Company

1,800 people join hands to physically move a centuries-old Japanese castle

DesignTAXI

This actor was told he had Alzheimer's, now he's performing a one-man show

MSN, BBC

Miss Piggy is our last movie star

MSN, Vulture

The ten-thousand-hour study was redone with thirty-nine violinists under double-blind conditions, and the group rated merely good had logged more practice hours than the group rated best — the original paper's number was one average among several, never the threshold it became

Science Blog

What's Left of The New School?

Dissent

Hollywood Cliffhanger: Can U.S. Summer Box Office Ring Up All-Time Record \$4.8 Billion?

Deadline

Ladies First: Alameda

HYFIN

Saved by the Norton

Portico

For better or worse, Yayoi Kusama's Infinity Rooms reshaped the world

CNN

Also

The Forgotten Literary World of Yayoi Kusama

Artnet News

Google Launches AI Tool to Add Interactivity to E-books

Publishers Weekly

Op-ed: To strengthen New York's economy, expand arts education organizations

Crain's New York Business

Change is Coming From Everywhere

Human-Centered Change and Innovation

8 surprising habits that are adding years to your biological age

BBC Focus

Scientists Capture First Molecular-Level Images of Water Reorganization During a Reaction Crucial for Life

Pacific Northwest National Laboratory

How the heart, lungs and brain work together to shape experience

Society + Culture | UC Santa Barbara

Canada's music scene sees pushback against AI-generated artwork

CBC Lite

How to Build a More Resilient Brain

The Next Big Idea Club Book of the Day Newsletter

How Marlon James Confronted 'the Story I Was Not Allowed to Live'

The New York Times

Also

This Masterpiece Is the Novel of the Decade, if Not the Century

The New York Times

NASA's Roman Telescope Leaves Earth to Chart the Stars

The New York Times

The World's Coral Reefs Are Running Out of Time to Recover, Research Finds
The New York Times

How a '70s Improv Book Became Silicon Valley's Required Reading
The New York Times

Melinda French Gates Doubles Olivia Rodrigo's Daisy Chain Fields Donation to \$20 Million
Rolling Stone

Inside Walmart's push to build its own EV charging network
Fast Company

This famous architect died before finishing his last building. Then his son stepped in to help
Design | Fast Company

This Oregon library ditched Dewey Decimal and got people excited about books again
Design | Fast Company

Melissa Chiu, new director of the Guggenheim Museum, talks about the role of culture in a time of turmoil
Fast Company

Listen and learn as Gen Z rewrites the event rules
Fast Company Executive Board

Creators are your best PR
Impact Council | Fast Company

The craftsmanship revival we kept predicting might finally be real
Work Life | Fast Company

In the age of AI, is math the new CS degree?
Work Life | Fast Company

How Meta's \$17.1 Billion Social Media Settlement Came Together
The New York Times

How a Canceled Spy Satellite Became NASA's New Window Into the Universe
The New York Times

When Older Adults Choose Life Among the Young
The New York Times

Sony and Warner Music Sue Anthropic, Alleging Theft of Intellectual Property
Artificial Intelligence | Gizmodo

September's Must-Read Books

The Next Big Idea Club Book of the Day Newsletter

10 'stupid' inventions the world laughed at, then couldn't live without

BBC Science Focus

The Day of Her Independence - Harriet Russell Strong and the “Courage of Ignorance”

Learning & Teaching Creativity | Dan Hunter

A Pulitzer Prize-winning photographer who shot an iconic Vietnam War-era photo has died

The Picture Show | NPR

Mike D thought making music was behind him. Then came 'Thank You'

Morning Edition | NPR

From Appalachia to Africa: Why Dolly Parton was beloved across the continent

Weekend Edition Sunday | NPR

Are you sure that Kimmel clip was real? Late-night AI deepfakes are spreading online

Weekend Edition Sunday | NPR

Fit and Finish

Seth's Blog

Future Vision XPRIZE: The Top 50 Optimistic Futures

Human-Centered Change and Innovation

What's next?

Seth's Blog

We Took Our Kid to the Ends of the Earth. Here's What It Taught Us.

Travel | National Geographic

How a Former Spy Satellite Could Help Solve the Universe's Greatest Mysteries

Science | National Geographic

How to Return Stolen Art (Update)

Freakonomics Radio

Why Authoritarians Fear Common Knowledge

Persuasion

Star Trek at 60: the secret of this pioneering series was its exploration of humanity, not aliens

The Conversation

Why I Am Right About AI

The Atlantic

What Twenty Years of Social Media Has Done to Our Memories

Technology | The Walrus

New York Gov. Kathy Hochul, Kevin Bacon tout administration getting rid of law requiring license to dance

Yahoo! News, Daily News

Arts in Health Research Roundup

Aly Maier & Arts in Health Inc.

Designing Organizations for Neurodiversity

Stanford Social Innovation Review

The Films That Foretold Fascism

Culture | The New Republic

The 'Odyssey' Scholar Emily Wilson, a Critic of the Movie, Is Redoing Her Translation

The New York Times

Benjamin Alire Sáenz, First Latino Writer to Win PEN/Faulkner, Dies at 71

The New York Times

Narwhals Have Stunning Spiraled Tusks. That's Not the Only Twist.

The New York Times

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The **National Creativity Network** believes that by fostering creativity in our society as a whole, and specifically with future generations, America can remain a leader in innovation and free enterprise. The very future of our communities and institutions depends on our ability to nurture and harness imagination to creatively solve problems. If creativity is to be nurtured, systems, institutions and networks must be transformed.

The opportunities that emerge to transform our nation are largely dependent upon the degree to which we are connected to each other. Our connection will become a catalyst:

- to enhance the flow of relevant information,

- and to improve the ease with which key nodes of creativity, be they in the domains of Education, Commerce, Culture or across disciplines, can gain access to the best thinking, best questions, and most successful practices as well as other resources their ventures may require.

Our strategy is to engage thought leaders across North America to create a powerful network for transformation.

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