



National Creativity Network

ARTICLES OF INTEREST

June 27, 2025

QUOTE(S) OF THE WEEK

"We can only see a short distance ahead, but we can see plenty there that needs to be done." – Alan Turin

"I grew up knowing I could have had a million different lives. It makes your life mysterious and your imagination go wild." – KT Tunstall

"In tradition and in books an integral part of the individual persists, for it can influence the minds and actions of other people in different places and at different times: a row of black marks on a page can move a man to tears, though the bones of him that wrote it are long ago crumbled to dust. In truth, the whole progress of civilization is based upon this power." – Julian Huxley

"Books won't stay banned. They won't burn. Ideas won't go to jail. In the long run of history, the censor and the inquisitor have always lost. The only sure weapon against bad ideas is better ideas." – Alfred Whitney Griswold

"Perfection is achieved, not when there is nothing more to add, but when there is nothing left to take away." – Antoine de Saint-Exupéry

"A knowledge of history as detailed as possible is essential if we are to comprehend the present and be prepared for the future. Fate ... is not the blind superstition or helplessness that waits stupidly for what may happen. Fate is unalterable only in the sense that given a cause, a certain result must follow, but no cause is inevitable in itself, and man can shape his world if he does not resign himself to ignorance." – Pearl S. Buck

"Science does not know its debt to imagination." – Ralph Waldo Emerson

VIDEO(S) OF THE WEEK

Lucy Davidson's Stop-Motion Animation 'Baggage' Travels Through an 'Insecurity Inspection'
Colossal

Booming demand for vinyl records could increase prices for music lovers
WEAU

China is Changing While we Watch (Global Connections)
ThinkTech Hawaii

Celebrating Designing for Kids' Well-Being by Design: Case Studies from the 2025 WBxD Fellows
The Joan Ganz Cooney Center

Another Micro-Moment of Creative Care #3
Little Caregiver Repair Shop | Anne Basting

Everything around you can become a computer | Ivan Poupyrev
TED2019

Watch: Beyond the 20, a Short Film About What Lies Beyond Nature's Molecular Design
Simons Foundation

FEATURED EVENTS/OPPORTUNITIES

wild kratts: ocean adventure!
National Childrens Museum
Through September 7

NEW Ticks on the rise: Strategies for preventing disease
Harvard University TH Chan School of Public Health
July 1

NEW How a Former Disney Exec Uses Storytelling to Drive Change with Catherine Connors, Former Head of Content at Disney Interactive
IDEO Creative Confidence Podcast | Live Conversation
July 1

2025 National Arts Integration and STEAM Conference
Creativity Rising
July 8 – 9, 2025 | Baltimore, MD

NEH Announces New Grant Program for Cultural Organizations on the People, Events, and Legacy of 1776
National Endowment for the Humanities
Deadline: July 9

2025 Summit Features Inspiring Keynotes, Deep-Dive Sessions and Hands-On Workshops for Educators

Smithsonian Voices | Smithsonian Education
July 15 – 17

National Air and Space Museum to reveal more renovated galleries on July 28
Space.com
July 28

NEW Creative Growth Grants
City of Charlotte
Deadline: August 4

ENCATC Congress 2025
ENCATC
September 15 – 17 | Barcelona, Spain

ArtPrize 2025 to Ignite Grand Rapids with 16 Days of Art & Creativity
KARK
September 18 - October 4

Imagine. Create. Activate! | Chicago 2025
Creative Placemaking Communities
September 22 - 24 | Chicago, IL

Unleashing Imagination: The Creative Brain and AI
The Dallas Morning News
October 9

2025 Prospectus
Wisconsin Science Festival
October 16 – 26

Social Connection Conference
Foundation for Social Connection
October 28 - 30

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 2024/2025
Canadian Network for Imagination and Creativity
Series

NEW ALL TOGETHER NOW: A Sneak Peek into SXSW 2026
SXSW
March 12 – 18

Apply to attend TED2026 | All of Us

TED Conferences

April 13 - 17

CreativeMornings | a monthly breakfast lecture series

CreativeMornings

Various

Nesta Talks to...

Nesta

Various

Interactive Map | Science Festivals

Science Festival Alliance

Various

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Creative Crop Rotation: How to Overcome Writer's Block

Dude, Where's My Car-Tharsis | Psychology Today

Are You Ready for the Elder Swell?

Cradle to Grave | Freakonomics Radio

Faith Kipyegon falls short in attempt to break 4-minute mile

Science | National Geographic

'Mission: Impossible' composer Lalo Schifrin dies at 93

Obituaries | NPR

Also

Lalo Schifrin, Prolific Film Composer Who Wrote 'Mission: Impossible' Theme, Dies at 93

Variety

Taking stock of the Creative Industries Sector Plan

Creative Industries Policy and Evidence Centre, UK

When Civic Education Starts with Paper, Paint and a Pair of Scissors

Opinion | The 74

CODAAwards Shines a Spotlight on Top 100 Public Art Projects

CODAworx

New hypersonic computer model simulates gas, droplet particles flying at 3,836 mph

Interesting Engineering

The Double Power Law: How American Innovation Really Works

Commentary | War on the Rocks

How A New Wave Of Digital Innovation Is Reshaping Global Enterprises

Forbes

Steven Spielberg Debuts Nail-Biting Action Footage From New Film at Emotional Universal Theater Dedication

Variety

The DOGEfather Part II

The New Yorker

The Vera C. Rubin Observatory will help astronomers investigate dark matter, continuing the legacy of its pioneering namesake

The Conversation

University of Delaware launching First State AI Institute to push boundaries of research and innovation

UDaily | University of Delaware

Mysterious Radio Pulses Found in Antarctica Seem to Defy Physics, and Researchers Are Trying to Trace Their Origins

Smart News | Smithsonian Magazine

Scientists Are Just Beginning to Understand How Life Makes Clouds, and Their Discoveries May Drastically Improve Climate Science

Science & Nature | Smithsonian Magazine

When ‘The Wiz’ Debuted on Broadway 50 Years Ago, It Sparked a Brand New Day for Audiences

Smithsonian Institution | Smithsonian Magazine

Diane Arbus’ Largest-Ever Retrospective Features Photographs of Society’s Celebrated and Marginalized Figures

Smart News | Smithsonian Magazine

Through August 17

Interview: Book Clubs Have A Diversity Problem, This AI App Is Changing That

People of Color in Tech (POCIT)

Creative Commons debuts CC signals, a framework for an open AI ecosystem

TechCrunch

My Grandmother Stood Up to Nixon—Jeff Bezos Should Take Note

The Nation

The Spontaneous Genius of Keith Jarrett’s Köln Concert

Idea to Value

Ancient Rocks in Canada Are Almost as Old as the Earth Itself

Earth Science | Gizmodo

Short Naps Linked to “Aha” Moments and Creative Insight

Neuroscience News

Problem Solving: Scientists Reveal Trick To Have ‘Eureka!’ Moment

The Miami Herald

Ten times faster is not 10 times better

Science

Take a Walk on the Wild Side - Mind & Body and the Mystery of the 4-Minute Walk

Learning & Teaching Creativity | Dan Hunter

A.I. Is Starting to Wear Down Democracy

The New York Times

Johns Hopkins Gets the Most Federal Money, but Now Much of It Is at Risk

The New York Times

The World Is Warming Up. And It’s Happening Faster.

The New York Times

How Two Neuroscientists View Optical Illusions

The New York Times

Here’s Another Use for Ice: Creating Secret Codes

The New York Times

Introducing the Customized Arts Learning Toolkit! | State Education Agency

Directors of Arts Education

Arts Ed Amplified | Arts Education Partnership

Gen Alpha slang baffles parents—and AI

Tech | Fast Company

This massive new data center is powered by used EV batteries

Impact | Fast Company

5 books about AI to get you caught up in 2025

Work Life | Fast Company

Anna Wintour to step down as Vogue editor-in-chief after 37 years, ending an era of American fashion

Fast Company

To improve the NHS, we must look beyond it

IDEO Journal

Unlocking Creativity in Gifted Education: A Curated Podcast Collection
Creativity and Education

As hot as possible
Seth's Blog

This creature can 3D-print its own body parts
Animals | National Geographic

A perilous time for the world's poorest children
Gates Notes

Marge Simpson dies and lands in heaven with Ringo Starr in 'The Simpsons' finale that has fans reeling
DesignTAXI

Also
Marge Simpson Is Very Much Alive, 'The Simpsons' EP Says After Finale Sparked Online Outrage: 'There Is No Canon!'
Variety

Unheard works by Erik Satie to premiere 100 years after his death
The Guardian

'South Park' Creators Say Skydance Is Blocking \$2.5 Billion Deal
Yahoo! Finance, Bloomberg

The New Vertigo Years
Past As Prologue | Novum

Opinion | This sacred place holds our national memory. Don't politicize it.
The Washington Post

AI will make you a dumber writer, says science.
Literary Hub

Awkward silences - What is it about lulls in conversation that make them so very uncomfortable? It has to do with how we connect with each other
Aeon Essays

The End of Publishing as We Know It
Technology | The Atlantic

Meta Wins Blockbuster AI Copyright Case—but There's a Catch
WIRED

The rise of DIY audio dramas: is podcast fiction the new fringe theatre?
ArtsHub

Can Brad Pitt's 'F1' Movie Finally Deliver Apple a Big-Screen Hit?
The Wall Street Journal

BBC to start charging US-based consumers for news and TV coverage

The Guardian

Chris Ware Illustrates a Postwoman's Day to Celebrate 250 Years of USPS

Colossal

How Do Muppets Go Outside? Find Out How Kermit and Gang Took to the Real World

Colossal

Shadow of a Doubt - How OCD came to haunt American life

Harper's Magazine

AI's Biggest Threat: Young People Who Can't Think

The Wall Street Journal

Ignite Your Creativity With Poetry

Creative Insights | Psychology Today

Cracking the creativity code

The Connection with Marty Moss-Coane | WHYY

Putting the Spotlight on NYC Innovation

The New York Academy of Sciences

This scientist believes creativity is a skill you can learn

Where I Live | Connecticut Public Radio

UW professor emeritus who paved the way for at-home colon cancer testing and other screenings earns national recognition

UW-Madison News

Microsoft, Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee and TiletownTech officially open AI Co-Innovation Lab to accelerate manufacturing innovation

PR Newswire, Microsoft Corporation

Accelerating hardware development to improve national security and innovation

MIT News

The tenured engineers of 2025

MIT News

PRESS RELEASE: Oklahoma launches \$500K grant program to spark industry innovation

Oklahoma City Free Press

3M Young Scientist Challenge announces 2025 national finalists

3M News Center

Three science-led start-ups making their mark

Nature Index

Eureka! The brain science behind lightbulb moments

Nature

DeepMind's new AlphaGenome AI tackles the 'dark matter' in our DNA

Nature

NSF support puts engineering curriculum in high schools

US National Science Foundation

Doctors Detected a Mysterious Antibody in a French Woman's Body. It Turned Out to Be a Brand New Blood Type

Smart News | Smithsonian Magazine

How the Charismatic King of Zydeco Introduced the Music of the Bayou to the Nation

Smithsonian Magazine

The photographer using AI to reconstruct stories lost to censorship

The Verge

A.I. Is Homogenizing Our Thoughts

Infinite Scroll | The New Yorker

N.I.H. Memo Pauses Cancellations of Medical Research Grants

The New York Times

The new ROI: A human-centered approach to innovation

Fast Company Executive Board

Summer reminds us: Play is essential

Impact Council | Fast Company

5 things we learned at day 3 of TED Countdown Summit 2025

TED Blog

Also

6 things we learned at day 2 of TED Countdown Summit 2025

TED Blog

4 things we learned at day 1 of TED Countdown Summit 2025

TED Blog

Why Customers Pay More For Brands With Purpose

Human-Centered Change and Innovation

Use a lot of words

Seth's Blog

Health aid saves lives. Don't cut it.

Gates Notes

Lessons for Life: Never Let the Paint Dry

Creativity Without Borders | Psychology Today

Library of Congress acquires Stephen Sondheim's papers and manuscripts

MSN, The Washington Post

Most U.S. Exhibition Execs Think 'Traditional' Moviegoing Has Less Than 20 Years as 'Viable Business Model,' According to New Survey

Variety

What Traditional Dance Reveals About a Travel Destination

Vogue

The Real Reason Men Should Read Fiction

MSN, The Atlantic

Why Did the Novel-Reading Man Disappear?

The New York Times

New tools, new sounds: the composer's evolving creative landscape in the 21st century

Gramophone

The Perils of 'Design Thinking' - How did the concept become the solution to society's most deeply entrenched problems?

The Atlantic

Taking Offense - Reading through bad feeling

The Yale Review

The Death of the Middle-Class Musician

The Walrus

Jonathan Feinstein: How Lives Unfold for Exceptional Creators

The Science of Creativity with Dr. Keith Sawyer

Bobby Sherman, Heartthrob Singer and TV Actor of the 1970s, Dies at 81

Variety

Also

Bobby Sherman, teen idol in the 1960s and '70s, and later a CPR teacher, dies at 81

AP News

Stephen Sondheim's papers go to Library of Congress, offering a look into a Broadway genius

AP News

OSTP Issues Agency Guidance for Gold Standard Science

The White House

Here's why China's science and innovation model is thriving

Nature

Attacks on research and development could hamper technological innovation

Commentary | Brookings

The Future Of Growth: When Human Capital Meets AI Innovation

Forbes

5 Non-Education Books That Changed How I Think About Teaching and Leadership

George Couros

Bridging the Imagination Gap: How Canadian companies can become global leaders in AI adoption

The Growth Project | RBC

This is where Canada ranks among the least AI literate countries in the world

CTV News

Scientists reconstruct 10,500-year-old woman's face using DNA

CNN Science

A unified theory of the mind

EurekaAlert! | AAAS

Scanning for similarities between human decision-making, AI algorithm

Harvard Gazette

Why Children Learn Language Faster Than AI

Neuroscience News

Your Brain Is Lying to You—And That's Actually Amazing

Book of the Day from The Next Big Idea Club

Shreya Rastogi: Aerospace Engineer On Women's Inclusion, Innovation, Impact In STEM

SheThePeople

How AI can help in materials innovation – from discovery to design

Fourth Industrial Revolution | The World Economic Forum

Opinion | Putin Has Lost Something Worse Than a War

Guest Essay | The New York Times

As U.S. Dismantles Voice of America, Rival Powers Hope to Fill the Void

The New York Times

A federal judge sides with Anthropic in lawsuit over training AI on books without authors' permission

TechCrunch

Strategy to prevent age-related macular degeneration identified

WashU Medicine | Washington University

How to create a workplace where changemakers thrive

Workplace Evolution | Fast Company

The rise of the personal AI advisors

Generation Flux | Fast Company

These are the top 10 emerging technologies of 2025, according to the World Economic Forum

Tech | Fast Company

DJ Mustard just created Heinz's first new mustard in a decade

Design | Fast Company

Would you recycle more if every bottle gave you a chance to win \$1,000?

Impact | Fast Company

8 great design books to read this summer

Design | Fast Company

Politics and pediatric mental health don't mix

Impact Council | Fast Company

From streetwear to luxury fashion: How Virgil Abloh reshaped an industry

Morning Edition | NPR

Why are people freaking out about the birth rate?

It's Been a Minute | NPR

Fueling Competitive Advantage Through Continuous Experience Improvement

Human-Centered Change and Innovation

Hard to predict

Seth's Blog

Has science cracked the code to breaking the 4-minute mile?

Science | National Geographic

Pixar suffers its worst box office opening yet with 'Elio', but not because it's bad

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Lessons for Life: Never Let the Paint Dry

Creativity Without Borders | Psychology Today

Pairing Logic Puzzles

Brain Workout | Psychology Today

New prize for translated poetry aims to tap into boom for international-language writing

Books | The Guardian

Americans Are Tired of Choice - How did freedom become synonymous with having lots of options?

The Atlantic

The Curious Proposal to Fund a State Arts Council With \$1

The New York Times

Hollywood is in bad shape. You wouldn't know it from CEO pay

Los Angeles Times

Trapped in Work Mode: The Real Challenge of AI is not Technical, It's Conceptual, Mythic, and Institutional

3 Quarks Daily

Request for Information from the U.S. Senate Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (HELP) Committee on Improving Student Literacy

The Wallace Foundation

This Iowa Folk School is Making Hot Metalworking Cool Again

Arts Midwest

Opinion | How AI Helps Our Students Deepen Their Writing (Yes, Really)

Education Week

MIT student prints AI polymer masks to restore paintings in hours

Ars Technica

Introducing 'By Design,' our new podcast about design and business

Design | Fast Company

Vera Rubin Scientists Reveal Telescope's First Images

The New York Times

Also

This Powerful Telescope Quickly Found 2,100 New Asteroids

The New York Times

The surprising metric that will define the future of creative work

The Future of Work | Fast Company

How to reclaim your joy, curiosity, and creativity in the workplace

Secrets of the Most Productive People | Fast Company

Why crash test dummies used in car safety tests are still modeled after men
Design | Fast Company

Report: U.S. Faces Annual 712,000 Middle-Skills Credential Shortage
Diverse Issues in Higher Education

Does generative AI actually enhance creativity in the workplace?
MIT Sloan School of Management

Creative Problem Solving
Wake Forest Magazine

If Creativity Didn't Exist, Would We? Ernie Schenck explores the true definition of art and ponders on its relationship with humanity.
Communication Arts

Beyond human imagination
Atomico

From campus to career: Arizona's public universities launch the next wave of women engineers
Arizona Board of Regents

Moving innovation to impact
UDaily | University of Delaware

Sketched Out: An Illustrator Confronts His Fears About A.I. Art
The New York Times Magazine

The NO FAKES Act Has Changed – and It's So Much Worse
Electronic Frontier Foundation

Plan for Creative Quarter unveiled
Technique | Georgia Tech University

Where did the wonder go, and can AI help us find it?
Tech Xplore, The Conversation

A new Pitt center will weave history and place to build a comprehensive global atlas
Pittwire Today | University of Pittsburgh

OHSU discovery suggests new avenue for repairing brain function
Oregon Health and Science University News

Many students want to learn to use artificial intelligence responsibly. But their professors are struggling to meet that need.
The Transmitter

Not a Box launches on Apple TV+!
Sir Ken Robinson Foundation

Astronomy has a major data problem – simulating realistic images of the sky can help train algorithms

The Conversation

This Is Why High-End Electric Cars Are Failing

WIRED

How the Universe and Its Mirrored Version Are Different

WIRED

This Rare, 6,000-Year-Old Limestone Fertility Figurine Could Be Poland's Archaeological 'Find of the Century'

Smart News | Smithsonian Magazine

Alzheimer's Protective Mutation Works by Taming Inflammation in the Brain

Weill Cornell Medicine

Food structure plays key role in which gut hormones are released

Imperial News

And when it breaks?

Seth's Blog

AI residencies are trying to change the conversation around artificial art

The Verge

Climate protester splashes pink paint on Picasso work at Montreal Museum of Fine Arts

The Art Newspaper

Finland proposes a very novel idea — invest in the public library

The Times, UK

A conversation with Jimmy Jam: champion of culture, community & creativity

Hyfinated Conversations | Hyfin

Bite of Science: Inspiring the Next Generation of Neuroscientists

Center for Excellence in Education

June 25

These are the first images from Earth's giant new telescope

Science | National Geographic

Also

The World's Largest Camera Is About to Unveil Its First Photos of Space. Here's How to Follow Along With a Live Stream

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Vera Rubin's Legacy Lives On in a Troubled Scientific Landscape

The New York Times

Vera Rubin found a lifetime of wonder in the dark skies
Astronomy

The 4 biggest mysteries the new Vera Rubin Observatory could solve
Science | National Geographic

Inclusive Creative Economy Fund Impact Report 2024
Local Initiative Support Corporation (LISC) NY
Together We Engineer: Why Women in Engineering Day Matters
Technology Magazine

In the Arena | US Science Policy at a Crossroads
ITIF | Information Technology and Innovation Foundation

Meet the Technology Pioneers driving innovation in 2025
World Economic Forum

Math Prerequisites a Barrier to Transfer Success
Inside Higher Education

The Newest Marvel/DC Crossover Will Have Some Fun Team-Ups
Books & Comics | Gizmodo

mRNA and the Future of Personalized Medicine, With Andrew Geall and Deborah Barbara
ITIF | Information Technology and Innovation Foundation

Perfect
Seth's Blog

Star bassist Carol Kaye rejects Rock & Roll Hall of Fame honor
Culture | NPR

'It's such a dream': Top high school performers step out on Broadway
Morning Edition | NPR

How to Help Kids Succeed
People I (Mostly) Admire | Freakonomics

Elevators
The Economics of Everyday Things | Freakonomics

Amazing ocean facts you never learned in school
Upworthy

When the Art Stops: What to Do With a Creative Block
The Naked Creative | Psychology Today

Poetry as Medicine: Using Verse to Support BIPOC Mental Health
BIPOC Mental Health | Psychology Today

The Healing Potential of Creative Experiences

Cultural Neuroscience | Psychology Today

Texas Beefs Up Film Incentive in Bid to Take on Hollywood

Variety

The story behind the innovative L.A.B. putter that just won the U.S. Open

Design | Fast Company

Pixar needs original animated hits. They're much harder to come by at the box office

Los Angeles Times

Inside the courthouse reshaping the future of the internet

The Verge

Greg Corbino's Fish Puppets Made from Reclaimed Trash Migrate Along the Hudson River

Colossal

Dr. Demento, Song Satirist and D.J. Who Promoted Weird Al, Is Retiring

The New York Times

Fifty Years After 'Jaws,' Shark Science Is Still Surfacing

The New York Times

Want to innovate like NASA? Discover the mindset that led to a breakthrough.

Indisruptable | Leo Chan

Humanity has been through many apocalypses. Here are some lessons

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USC Dornsife Magazine | USC Dornsife Letters, Arts and Sciences

'Wall-E With a Gun': Midjourney Generates Videos of Disney Characters Amid Massive Copyright Lawsuit

WIRED

Eli Lilly's Obesity Pill Appears to Work as Well as Injected GLP-1s

WIRED

The Arguers: A Charming Illustrated Parable about the Absurdity of Self-righteousness

The Marginalian

Artist Reveals What's Wrong With Our Modern Society In These 28 Satirical Illustrations

Bored Panda

Voice of America gutted by Trump adviser Kari Lake
NPR

Also

'Dark day for truth': Kari Lake slashes U.S. global media agency by 85%
Salon

Barbra Streisand on the Duets That Define Her: 'I Like Drama'
The New York Times

How Astronomers Will Deal With 60 Million Billion Bytes of Imagery
The New York Times

Earth's Largest Camera Takes 3 Billion-Pixel Images of the Night Sky
The New York Times

People With Severe Diabetes Are Cured in Small Trial of New Drug
The New York Times

Seth and Josh Meyers Are Here to Poke Fun at Your Family Vacations
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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