



National Creativity Network

ARTICLES OF INTEREST

August 14, 2026

QUOTE(S) OF THE WEEK

"Make visible what, without you, might perhaps never have been seen." – Robert Bresson

"If you are not willing to risk the unusual, you will have to settle for the ordinary." – Jim Rohn

"It has always seemed strange to me that in our endless discussions about education so little stress is laid on the pleasure of becoming an educated person, the enormous interest it adds to life. To be able to be caught up into the world of thought — that is to be educated." – Edith Hamilton

"A new idea is delicate. It can be killed by a sneer or a yawn; it can be stabbed to death by a joke or worried to death by a frown on the right person's brow." – Charles Brower

"Only the curious will learn and only the resolute overcome the obstacles to learning. The quest quotient has always excited me more than the intelligence quotient." – Eugene S. Wilson

"To be nobody-but-yourself --- in a world which is doing its best, night and day, to make you everybody else --- means to fight the hardest battle which any human being can fight; and never stop fighting." – E.E. Cummings

"Inspiration is wonderful when it happens, but the writer must develop an approach for the rest of the time... The wait is simply too long." – Leonard Bernstein

VIDEO(S) OF THE WEEK

Video shows how people spent their time each day from 1920 to 2026. It's eye-opening.

Upworthy

The impact of AI in the scientific community

Science Magazine Podcasts

THE VIOLINIST Trailer | TIFF 2026

TIFF

Alabama Public Television Presents Celebration of the Arts 2026

Alabama Public Television

Meet Warren Zanes, the Author and Rocker Behind the Springsteen Movie | Better in Person

Freakonomics Radio Network

Janet Kolodner: How the Learning Sciences Began

The Science of Learning | Keith Sawyer

Virtual Choir Live | Eric Whitacre

TED2013

The Virtue of Uncertainty | University Place

PBS Wisconsin

Boy sings 'Remember Me' to teacher who's retiring after 40 years, and there's not a dry eye in the room

Upworthy

Neil deGrasse Tyson explains why a Queen song by Brian May is one that scientists love

Upworthy

The Science of Splatoon Raiders! How Does the Ink Work?

MayNERD's Wild World of Science

Olatunde Sobomehin, author of Creative Hustle, didn't find his purpose at the d.school. He found the language for it.

d.School

Why Modern Life Feels So FLAT and BORING!

The Next Big Idea Podcast

FEATURED EVENTS/OPPORTUNITIES

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

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

Begins January 2, 2026

Tough Stuff: Women in the American Glass Studio

Corning Museum of Glass, LinkedIn

Through January 10

Creative Economy Pathways | 2026 Virtual Town Hall Series

Creating Abundance Collaborative

August 19 | Creative Youth Development Building Backstage, Media, and Production Pathways

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

2026 Wisconsin Creativity Summit

WI Department of Public Instruction

August 21

NEW Careers in NeuroArts

Society for Neuroscience's Neuronline

August 26 | Webinar

NEW 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

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

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

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

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A 13-year-old boy spent his whole summer 3D printing a custom wheelchair for a baby in need

Upworthy

IBM Just Made A Huge Fusion Energy Breakthrough Thanks To Quantum Computing

Science | BGR

Kurt Vonnegut's 8 Tenets of Storytelling

The Marginalian

The Mental Trap That Keeps Us Solving the Wrong Problem

Leadership, Diversity, and Wellness | Psychology Today

What Cory Doctorow would do as Canada's AI minister

BetaKit

Powering the Future Through Engineering Education

National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine

Engineers help build statewide network for STEM education research

Cornell Duffield Engineering | Cornell University

AT THE FUCINA! A Journey through Art, Craft, and Creativity for the Whole Family

Peggy Guggenheim Collection

Various

Doug Barkey: Translating Creative Activity Into Entrepreneurial Opportunity
Maryland Institute College of Art

Shaped by Colorado: 150 Years of Research and Creativity at CU Boulder
Museum of Natural History | University of Colorado Boulder

Youth advocates gather in New York to launch new AI standards
United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs

How to make your science business succeed when you're a female founder
Career Feature | Nature

The Psychology of Refusing to Be Typed
Deeper Empathy, Lasting Change | Psychology Today

In St. Louis, an artist lends her creativity to the outdoors
St. Louis Magazine

We analyzed 6,400 New York Times stories to find out how comments change when you give readers more information
Nieman Lab

She Killed a Buffalo at Age 12
Learning & Teaching Creativity | Dan Hunter

Her Brain Was Broken. It Was Fixed With Sound—Not a Scalpel
The Big Story | WIRED

Recognize the Connections - Thriving communities depend on understanding and supporting people's connections to one another
Issues in Science and Technology

President Trump Appoints The First Black Woman To Lead CDC
People of Color in Tech (POCIT)

An Aerospace Startup Just Got Approval to Test Beaming Sunlight to Earth. Here's Why Experts Are Worried—and Petitioning
Smart News | Smithsonian Magazine

Way Bandy Was One of the Most Influential Makeup Artists in the World. He Challenged Stigmas in the 1980s by Making Sure His Death From AIDS Was Widely Known
Smithsonian Institution | Smithsonian Magazine

Can public media build its own social network? Chicago Public Media teams up with New_Public to try
Nieman Lab

Paramount Has Discussed Creating a Board to Ensure CNN's Independence
The Wall Street Journal

Globe editor Brian McGrory announces a wide-ranging reorganization and a 'less dense' website

Media Nation

Why Nolan's "Odyssey" Is Inspiring Adults To Learn Again

Forbes

AI crawlers from Meta and Alibaba almost destroyed a volunteer-run LGBT history archive

Tech | Fast Company

Microsoft and LinkedIn just analyzed the future of work and AI. It all points to one key skill set

Work Life | Fast Company

Business innovation requires better boundaries

Fast Company Executive Board

What, Exactly, Is a Turtle?

Science | National Geographic

Other cultures have their own way of saying 'once upon a time,' and some are really freaking cool

Upworthy

The Case of the \$4 Million Gold Coffin (Update)

Freakonomics Radio

So You Want to Build an A.I. Star?

The New York Times

Musical Manuscripts Are Intimate and Transporting. See Why.

The New York Times

I Asked AI to Write a Novel. It's Not So Bad.

Mother Jones

John Waters Is Aging Disgracefully, Thank Goodness

The Hollywood Reporter

The Ocean Photographer of the Year Finalists Highlight the Sorrowful and Sublime

Colossal

Community Code: How Michigan Creatives Make Art, Learn Tech Together

Arts Midwest

See Stunning Images of the Total Solar Eclipse From Nat Geo Photographers

Photography | Night Sky Guide | National Geographic

How Does Culture Shape the Human Brain?

Columbia News | Columbia University in the City of New York

California Assembly Concurrent Resolution 204

LegiScan

From Snooki to Spielberg: How New Jersey Reinvented Itself Into Hollywood's Hottest Production Hub

Variety

'The Odyssey' Sets 20,000 Screen China Release, Including Near-Total Imax Commitment (EXCLUSIVE)

Variety

Embodied Ethics: Somatic Education for Moral Imagination

The Ethics Institute | Northeastern University

America Already Built the World's Largest Science-Vetting Machine

Commentary | Foundation for American Innovation

No, Anthropic's AI didn't just solve math's hardest problem

Scientific American

Haim Sompolinsky wins top physics prize

The FAS Current | Harvard University Faculty of Arts and Sciences

How the human brain can pursue two goals at the same time

Research Briefings | Nature

New Simons Collaboration Explores Defects in Physics

Mathematics & Physical Sciences | Simons Foundation

University of Michigan changes grade policy for some freshmen ahead of school year

GMA | ABC News

"That's What The Money Is For," He Said, Mistakenly

Gapingvoid

Increasing the Rigor in Your Math Class Through Gamification

Game-Based Learning | Edutopia

4 Ways to Encourage Great Questions in the Science Classroom

Inquiry-Based Learning | Edutopia

A First-Week Routine That Gets Middle School Students Thinking Like Scientists

Critical Thinking | Edutopia

DGA and IATSE Push Rob Bonta to Allow Paramount-Warner Bros. Merger With Conditions

Variety

Google Gemini Just Hit One Billion Monthly Users in Record Speed

Artificial Intelligence | Gizmodo

Your McDonald's File is Probably Bigger Than Your FBI File

Privacy & Security | Gizmodo

ON BRAIN CAPITAL | Investing in the human brain

Re:think | McKinsey & Company

Should the M.M.R. Vaccine Be Split Into Three Separate Shots?

The New York Times

Mending Darkness Across Earth

American Scientist

Beating yourself up

Seth's Blog

23 Incredible Pictures that Nat Geo's Photo Editors Loved This Month

Photography | Photo of the Day | National Geographic

The AI Question Nobody Wants to Ask

Restorative/Transformational Psychiatry | Psychology Today

How letting Dudamel be Dudamel led to unpredictable, wonderful L.A. music

y! Entertainment | Los Angeles Times

New York's School of Visual Arts Reports One-Third Drop in Enrollment Since 2019, Faces Largest Budget Deficit Ever

ARTnews

Publishing Sales Hit \$33.4 Billion in 2025

Publishers Weekly

How the Curtain Rose on One of Zaha Hadid's Final Acts

Critic's Notebook | The New York Times

The Mess at PEN America - The defense of free expression must be viewpoint-neutral and consequence-agnostic, or it will be nothing

Guest Columns | Salmagundi

Forbes Unveils 2026 "50 Over 50" List, Celebrating Women Who Are Redefining What's Possible At Every Age

Forbes

Also

The 2026 "50 Over 50" list is here! Meet the women redefining what's possible.

MS Now

Physicists Made 10,000 Particles Defy Newton's Third Law for an Hour. Here's How

Physics & Chemistry | Gizmodo

What if Artists Designed the Economy? Beyond GDP: The Economy Needs an Imagination Practice

Cross-Sector Clairvoyance | Mallory Rukhsana Nezam

Arts Health Research Intensive 2026: read our event recap

The Social Behavioural Research Group

Geomimicry Offers a New Framework for Engineering Sustainable Materials

Penn Engineering | University of Pennsylvania

A summer of AI summits reveals a widening US-China divide

Commentary | Brookings

UW research and startups propel quantum innovation

In Business Madison

The Brain Skills That Matter More Than IQ

Next Big Idea Club

In Washington, A Weeklong Summer Institute Shows What Adult Learning Should Look Like (and provides a caution about a creative tension at the root of it all . . .)

Letters from the Future (of Learning) | Sam Chaltain

AI's Missing Investment: Us - We must invest in human infrastructure for AI to pay off

Connect. Catalyze. Change. | STEMconnector

The Doulos Who Help Us Die

Dispatches | The New Yorker

This New App Created in Collaboration With the Rainy Lake Ojibwe Community Aims to Preserve Indigenous Language and Knowledge

Smart News | Smithsonian Magazine

An 11-Year-Old Boy in a Small Midwestern Town Just Became the Guinness World Record Holder for Being the Youngest Museum Curator

Smart News | Smithsonian Magazine

A.I. Is Finding Sperm Where Doctors Couldn't

The New York Times

Arlene Smith, Whose Song 'Maybe' Helped Define Doo-Wop, Dies at 84

The New York Times

G.M.'s 'Car Guy' Talks Electrics, China and Nepotism

The New York Times

Robots That Walk and Talk Are Coming to Car Factories

The New York Times

Taylor Swift Named to the Nashville Songwriters Hall of Fame, Becoming Its Youngest Inductee Ever

Variety

Protein Secreted by Immune Cells May Help Drive Brain Aging

Newsroom | Weill Cornell Medicine

The future of learning at work: How the medical residency model offers an inspiring solution

The New Way We Work | Fast Company

What should the future look like? Inside the tech-funded program to create a new aesthetic

Design | Fast Company

The AI debate isn't about AI. It's about control

POV | Fast Company

The creative economy's greatest competitive advantage

Impact Council | Fast Company

Why AI can't replace the creative struggle.

Impact Council | Fast Company

Why corporate innovation keeps failing

Impact Council | Fast Company

This design studio spent 10 years perfecting a lampshade made out of bacteria

Design | Fast Company

AI's next frontier is physical items

Tech | Fast Company

The real purpose of leadership is to create opportunity

Leadership Now | Fast Company

Five years on: UNESCO calls for the full restoration of the right to education for Afghan girls and women

UNESCO

The magic of a two-year waitlist

Seth's Blog

What Are Hurricanes and How Do They Form?

Science | National Geographic

How Heinrich Schliemann Rediscovered Troy—and Then Destroyed It

History & Culture | National Geographic

Hilary and Galen Weston Foundation gives \$4 million to Giller Prize

MSN, The Canadian Press

Ari Emanuel's Mari Acquires Broadway and West End Theater Owner ATG Entertainment

The Hollywood Reporter

Comment | What happened to George Lucas's vision of a museum for 'the people'?

The Art Newspaper

A Catalyst, Not a Crisis: What 66,000 Donors Told Us About the Future of Public Media

Greater Public

How to think like a Hegelian

Psyche

Discover Millions of Artworks from Thousands of Museums with This Huge Art Search Engine

Colossal

The Tantalizing Possibility Of Locating Consciousness In The Brain

Noëma

Why Unfriending People May Be Bad for Your Creativity

Innovation You | Psychology Today

Why Art Moves Us: Body and Brain

The Mind of a Collector | Psychology Today

The next great moonshots won't come from Silicon Valley alone

Ask the Experts | Fast Company

Elon Musk, Sam Altman, and the Misreading of Science Fiction

WIRED

The Lost Commons: Human Relevance Under Siege

Kinkaide Enterprises

From the pulpit to textiles: How former minister Susan Hull Walker is building economic power for women artisans

Bizwomen

Why scientists should lead the shift away from AI mega data centres

Comment | Nature

The US Science System Needs Reform, Not Arbitrary Funding Cuts

Information Technology and Innovation Foundation

AI and electrolyte engineering open new paths for better batteries

Tech Xplore

The Missing Piece of Innovation: Putting the human back in engineering

The Grainger College of Engineering | University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign

Summer Box Office Hits \$4 Billion for Second Time Since COVID, Thanks to 'Odyssey,' 'Spider-Man' and More Blockbusters

Variety

David Ellison Threatens to Pull Paramount Out of California Starting Oct. 1 if States Refuse to Negotiate Settlement in Antitrust Suit

Variety

The Nazis Gave This Fake Spy an Iron Cross. Your Brain Runs the Same Play.

The Next Big Idea Club Book of the Day Newsletter

The Hiroshima Atomic Bombing Birthed a Strange, Never-Before-Seen Material, According to a New Study

Smart News | Smithsonian Magazine

One of the Most Important Cookbooks of the 20th Century Is Celebrating 50 Years. What Made Its French Author So Special in American Kitchens?

Smart News | Smithsonian Magazine

The Price Of Waiting

Gapingvoid

To live Fully--in this difficult. time

North of 80 | David O'Fallon

Spotify's new 'skip' button could end the podcast business as we know it

Semafor

How Shania Twain Won Over Gen Z

The New York Times Magazine

Top Science Body Deletes Climate Chapter From Judges' Manual

The New York Times

Scientists Release Biggest 2D Map of the Universe

News from Berkeley Lab | Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory

Boomers Are Leaving Behind More Art Than Anyone Wants

Bloomberg

Meet 21 Black women who bounced back and are thriving after being pushed out of the workplace

The Pivot | Fast Company

Celebrating the 90th birthday of the Wienermobile, the original marketing stunt
Design | Fast Company

This super-white coating was inspired by a beetle's scales
Design | Fast Company

To save \$30 million, LAX built its new concourse outside the airport
Design | Fast Company

The future of communication has nothing to do with phones. This is what's coming next
Tech | Fast Company

'The Nerd Reich' tracks the 'unmasking of Silicon Valley's true politics'
Fresh Air | NPR

The artwork you saw in every '80s and '90s classroom came from 2 badass elementary teachers
Upworthy

Mark Twain's timeless advice on how to become a critical thinker is still wise over 100 years later
Upworthy

The Rewards of Parallel Careers
The Peter Drucker Files | Psychology Today

The One Thing Millennials Can Agree On Is Back. Thank God.
Slate

Evie Gaughan: AI companies are missing the entire point of writing or reading a book
Books | The Irish Times

Plans for Trump's Triumphal Arch 'horrifically flawed,' nonprofit says in new filing: L.A. arts and culture this weekend
Los Angeles Times

The Color Recession May Be Permanent - Consumers are so afraid of getting colors wrong, they don't use them at all.
Ideas | The Atlantic

The Science of Norm Design
Stanford Social Innovation Review

The closing of the Anglophile mind
The New Statesman

Can Theater Help Us Learn to Live Together Again? or Finding the Magnets, Not the Wedges
Leading Creatively | Chad Bauman

In Print: 'Developing the Entrepreneurial Mindset in Engineering Students through a Perspective-Taking Approach'
News | Purdue University

The Storm Is Here Urgent Update: A New 25% Tariff Proposal Targets School Band Rooms.
Bob Morrison

Puerto Rico Needs More Than Thoughts and Prayers. Where Is Hollywood?
Variety

Opinion | The White House thinks AI can replace the best source of American innovation
The Boston Globe

Forget DeepSeek. China's real 'Sputnik moment' is happening on campus as American universities lose their advantage
Fortune

Young Japanese artists turn school blackboards into a hit medium for creativity
Pioneer Press, AP News

AI commodifies human creativity. Is it theft?
The Boston Globe

Magicians Have Used This One Trick on You for Centuries
The Next Big Idea Club Book of the Day Newsletter

The Chinese Philosopher Americans Can't Stop Fighting About
WIRED

Creative PEC Research Fellows Network expands to over 100 global experts
Creative Industries Policy and Evidence Center (PEC)

This is the CEO behind Steve and Connie Ballmer's philanthropy
Leadership | Fast Company

How the Women's Pro Baseball League designed itself from the ground up
Design | Fast Company

The cure for burnout is learning
Fast Company Executive Board

Social fandom beats big movie budgets
Impact Council | Fast Company

23 industry shifts leaders see coming soon
Impact Council | Fast Company

Turn your handwriting into a font for Android, Windows, or MacOS
Tech | Fast Company

Meet the man circumnavigating the Arctic Ocean, alone
All Things Considered | NPR

Indigenous practitioners work with UNESCO to revitalize languages
UNESCO

Give me one reason
Seth's Blog

Three Facts That Business Leaders Refuse to Accept
Human-Centered Change and Innovation

"We're all being surprised at the same time"
Seth's Blog

How "Certainty" Undermines Intimacy and New Possibilities
A Wider Lens | Psychology Today

It's not just Homer: the new generation of poets enjoying epic success
The Guardian

Banksy works cost public almost £150,000
BBC News

Hadestown the Musical (the movie) was a hit. Other Broadway shows are taking notes
Weekend Edition Sunday | NPR

The Field Museum in Chicago is connecting Pokémon to fossils. It's a hit
Weekend Edition Sunday | NPR

On Radical Preservation
The Point Magazine

Inside Humanity's Ancient Obsession With Conquering Time
Physics & Chemistry | Gizmodo

The Blockbuster Mentality Is Back, Baby! But chasing the next high won't save movies as a popular art form.
Variety

'The Odyssey' Is Christopher Nolan's Highest-Grossing Movie Ever With \$1.1 Billion and Imax's Biggest Release of All Time With \$289 Million
Variety

David Ellison Is Promising Theater Owners Contractual Guarantees for Paramount-Warner Bros. 30-Film Annual Slate. But What if Moviegoers Don't

Care?
Variety

Build Yourself A Fortress
Gapingvoid

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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.

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