CROOKED ZIPPER : YEAR IN REVIEW

~ Mission ~

Provide opportunities to learn and play through art and connect in new ways to sustain ourselves, each other, and our world.

~ Vision ~

We envision a world where art, play, and creative problem solving are valued, where we all are able to sustain ourselves, each other, and the world, where intelligence and knowledge are respected, shared, and accessible.

~ Donations Make a Difference ~

Your support allows us to transform passion into action. This was never more true this year when we were able to get school readiness guides into the hands of caregivers.

~ Board of Directors ~

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~ Accomplishments ~

School Readiness Guides

We sought feedback from educators, caregivers, and designers for the school readiness guide, *Let's Get Ready*.

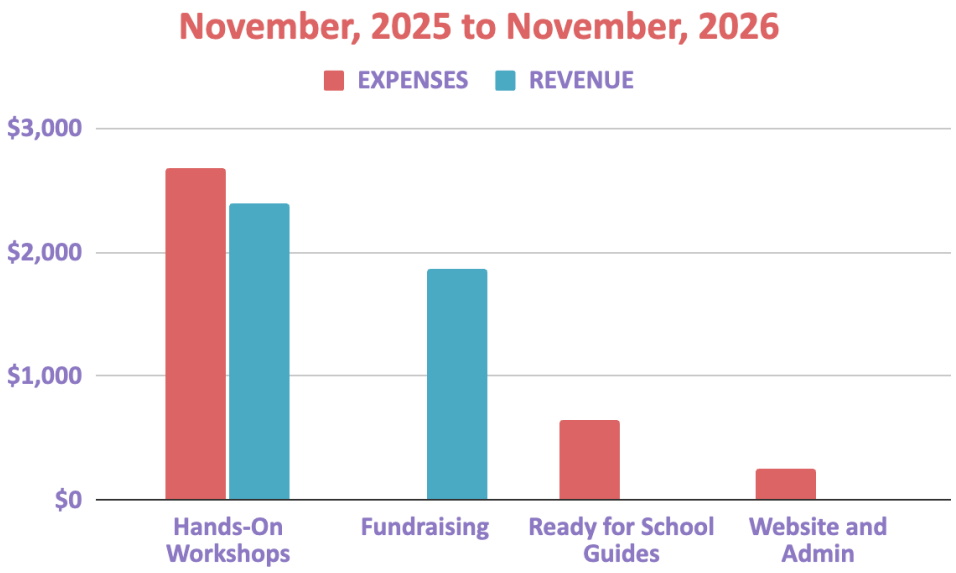
We revised, illustrated, and printed the first run of the guides, created an informational video and online resources, and led three events. Through these events, and with the help of partner organizations, we were able to get the guides into the hands of caregivers of young children.

Hands-On Workshops

We facilitated book clubs and recycled book workshops to engage participants in literacy through art. We also ignited interest in guaranteed basic income with Springboard for the Arts and explored the intersection of art and sustainability with activities at the Hennepin County Fix-it Clinic.

Sustainability Retreat

We have reserved a nature center during May, 2027 for an overnight weekend retreat open to everyone at a sliding scale fee.



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