The Evolution of ‘Craft Time’
One Library’s Journey from Product Based Crafts to Process Art
What is Process Art?

• Practice a skill
• Explore a medium
• Open-ended or self-driven
• Room for individuality and self-expression
Benefits of Process Art:

• Develops problem solving skills
• Opportunities to ask questions, explore new things, and see how things work
• Opportunity for creative expression and imagination
• Discovering new skills, talents, and activities

"Creativity now is as important in education as literacy, and we should treat it with the same status."
– Sir Ken Robinson, TED talk, 2006
Storytime Theme Connections

- Water Themed Storytime
- Process Art: Water Drop Printing
Storytime Theme Connections

- Mice Themed Storytime
- Process Art: Color Mixing Sensory Bags
Storytime Theme Connections

- Farm Themed Storytime
- Process Art: Scissor Skill Practice & Glue Skills Practice
Storytime Theme Connections

- Apple Themed Storytime
- Process Art: Apple Sewing Project
Storytime Theme Connections

- Fall Themed Storytime
- Process Art: Foil Printed Fall Tree
Some of Our Creations
You Can Do It!

- Start with a question, a theme or inspiration – like a book!
- Look for project inspiration – books, websites, pinterest, blogs, etc.
- If you’re unsure, ask yourself the questions below. If the answer to either is “YES!” then it is not a process art activity.
  - “Will I or will they be upset if the end result doesn’t look a specific way?”
  - “Do I have a preconceived notion about what the end result ‘should’ look like?”
- Let them CREATE!
Let kids be kids...

Let them...

explore, create, make mistakes, learn, get messy, feel proud, be independent, etc.