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Grass Lot on Third and Oak (W Third St. and Oak St., Washington, MO 63090)
Old Bridgeview Brewing (16 E Front St., Washington, MO 63090)
Cedar Street (Fremont St. to Second St.)

PROGRAM SCHEDULE

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PROGRAM DETAILS

10:00 AM

Hometown Heroes

Meet Washington's first responders and get an up-close look at their vehicles. Small children can take a ride through Safety Town, and all ages are invited to take the Book Walk to read Cannon's Crash Course by Mon Trice. Author Mon Trice will share her picture book in person at 11 a.m. in the Neighborhood Reads bookstore backyard.

TIME: 10:00 - 5:00 **LOCATION: Public Safety Parking Lot**

INTERACTIVE CARS/VEHICLES ALL AGES

Daughters on Writing Their Fathers' Wars

Sharing other people's stories can be a challenge, particularly when it involves family and topics some would rather not discuss. Hear about two very different approaches to writing memoirs from women who reveal their fathers' stories and how the stories affected their own lives. Virginia Brackett, daughter of WWII veteran Captain Edmund C. Roberts, wrote In the Company of Patriots to get to know her father, who died while serving in Korea when Virginia was only one year old. Lori Stillman, daughter of Army paratrooper John Stillman, leaped at the opportunity to coauthor Jumping from Helicopters with her dad when he was finally ready, after nearly 50 years, to open up about his experiences in Vietnam. Both share insights about their books and the writing process with moderator Angela Elam.

ABOUT THE MODERATOR: Angela Elam is the producer and host of UMKC's literary radio show New Letters on the Air.

ABOUT THE AUTHORS: Virginia Brackett, PhD, is the author of In the Company of Patriots and helps organize writing workshops for veterans and their families as a member of the Kansas City Veterans Writing Team. Lori Stillman—with her father, John Stillman—coauthored Jumping from Helicopters: A Vietnam Memoir.

TIME: 10:00 - 11:15 **LOCATION: City Chambers**

PANEL VETERANS

Chris Stuckenschneider and Willie (the Horse) share Twist of Fate: The Miracle Colt and His Friends

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Giddy-up to Neighborhood Reads to meet Willie, a beloved horse from Chris Stuckenschneider's picture book. Twist of Fate. Chris will read her true-life story of hope about Willie, and other horses that were saved after a tractor trailer truck crashed on I-44. Twister's mother was on the truck too, pregnant at the time with the miracle colt eventually named Twister. He's now 15 years of age and lives at Longmeadow Rescue Ranch, outside Union, where many of the horses received care after the accident. Willie's owner Kylee Matheny also will be at the bookstore to answer questions about Willie and talk about the incredible bond the two of them enjoy.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR: Chris Stuckenschneider, of Washington, is the author of Twist of Fate: The Miracle Colt and His Friends, Patriotic Pals, and My Washington. Chris was book editor and a columnist at the Washington Missourian for 22 years and is highly regarded by publishers for her reviews.

TIME: 10:00 - 11:00 LOCATION: Neighborhood Reads Backyard

CHILDREN READ ALOUD



Take time to find hidden treasures in Downtown Washington! Stop by Neighborhood Reads bookstore and pick up a scavenger hunt. Look up, look down, look sideways, and answers will appear. Pay special attention to the landmarks—you will find the answers here. Return them to STL Scavenger author Dea Hoover for a chance to win a prize!



ABOUT THE AUTHOR: Dea Hoover is a tour director and owner of Are We There Yet? and author of STL Scavenger: The Ultimate Search for St. Louis's Hidden Treasures and Hannibal: A Walk through History.

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TIME: 10:00 - 5:00 LOCATION: Neighborhood Reads

Washington Scavenger

SCAVENGER HUNT INTERACTIVE

Get Roped into Reading at Neighborhood Reads



Young readers will Get Roped into Reading all around our neighborhood bookstore during the Missouri Book Festival. In the front yard, the nonprofit Community Literacy Foundation will host activities for children centered around rope-making: craft your own rope the old-fashioned way, see how local first-responders knot their ropes for rescues, and learn vintage jump rope rhymes! Throughout the day under the giant Dawn Redwood tree in the bookstore's backyard, grab a blanket as Missouri authors read aloud their books in storytimes at the top of every hour. Following the readings, the bookstore staff will host children's activities tied to the featured books.

TIME: 10:00 - 5:00

LOCATION: Neighborhood Reads



10:30 AM

Louie and the Blues

No Blues game, or Blues book for that matter, is complete without a visit from "Louie." The precocious blue polar bear joins Dan O'Neill, author of When the Blues Go Marching In: Championship Edition, to take pictures, sign autographs, create some havoc, and get you ready for the "Let's Go, Blues" season. Bring the kids, meet "Louie," and take home a memory!

ABOUT THE AUTHOR: Dan O'Neill spent 32 years as a sports columnist for the St. Louis Post-Dispatch and is the author of When the Blues Go Marching In and Celebration: The Magic of the Cardinals in the 1980s.

TIME: 10:30 - 11:30 LOCATION: Main Festival Grounds

ALL AGES INTERACTIVE SPORTS

TV's Father Dominic and the "Scone Zone"

Expand your baking repertoire with Father Dominic, the Bread Monk, as he guides you through the Scone Zone. You'll learn about the history of scones from medieval times to the present and discover basic techniques for classic scones and some easy variations. He'll offer more advanced recipes like Norfolk scones and savory scones with bacon, cheddar, and chives. There will be time for questions at the end of the program and an opportunity to purchase an autographed copy of Father Dom's new book, Breakfast Breads and Sweet Treats.

ADULT



ABOUT THE AUTHOR: Father Dominic Garramone, OSB, a monk of Saint Bede Abbev in Peru. Illinois, was the host of the PBS cooking show Breaking Bread with Father Dominic from 1999 to 2001, and has written 10 cookbooks.

TIME: 10:30 - 11:30 **LOCATION: Festival Stage**

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You Can Too! Storvtime and Ice Cream Social with Missouri Women Senators



Did you know Missouri recently celebrated its 200th birthday? In the 200 years of Missouri Statehood there have been 1.118 male senators and

only 36 women senators. Do you know how many women currently serve? Come find out as several Missouri women senators share their stories featured in the book You Can, Too! Journey to the Missouri Senate. In this family-friendly program, we will learn what a senator does and hear firsthand from several state women leaders about how, when, and why they became Missouri Senators. Each youth participant will receive a complimentary copy of You Can, Too! and a take-home handout that looks like a page in the book to write and draw their own story. We will conclude the program with a fun ice cream and cookie social with the women senators.

FEATURING SENATORS: Jill Schupp, Barbara Washington, Karla May, Angela Mosley, Cindy O'Laughlin, Karla Eslinger, and Elaine Gannon.

TIME: 11:00 - 12:30 **LOCATION: Washington Library**

CHILDREN INTERACTIVE READ ALOUD

Cannon's Crash Course Storytime with Mon Trice

Cannon is eager to ride his new bike, but there is just one problem. He doesn't know how! Impatient for help. Cannon decides to teach himself. When one misstep followed by another leads to disaster, Cannon feels defeated. That is, until he finds the sweet encouragement he needs from the most unlikely person. Come hear the whole story as children's book author Mon Trice expressively reads aloud from her book, Cannon's Crash Course. Illustrations by visual artist Cbabi Bayoc. This program will be introduced by Julius B. Anthony, founder of St. Louis Black Authors of Children's Literature. You can also enjoy



Cannon's Crash Course as a self-guided book walk on the Public Safety Parking Lot. ABOUT THE AUTHOR: Mon Trice is the author of Cannon's Crash Course and a humanitarian at heart, offering her time and energy to such causes as March of Dimes, Jump Rope for Heart, Junior

Achievement, and Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. TIME: 11:00 - 12:00

LOCATION: Neighborhood Reads Backyard

CHILDREN READ ALOUD

11:30 AM

Wrestling at the Chase in Washington

For nearly three decades, our region was the professional wrestling capital of the United States thanks to Sam Muchnick and his iconic TV show Wrestling at the Chase. Muchnick's famous production still resonates with fans across the Midwest, and new fans will get a taste of the excitement with a three-match wrestling exhibition presented by Southern Illinois Championship Wrestling and American Championship Wrestling. In addition to the high-flying action, award-winning author and film producer Ed Wheatley will provide a brief reflection on the show's impact on Missouri and the rest of the country.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR: Ed Wheatley is an EMMY Award-winning producer and author of Wrestling at the Chase, Baseball in St. Louis, and The St. Louis Browns: The Story of a Beloved Team.

TIME: 11:30 - 12:30 LOCATION: Hotz & Brandt Law Office Parking Lot ALL AGES INTERACTIVE SPORTS



Breinwurst: "Why Eat the Best When the Wurst is Better!"

Missouri chef Mathew Unger will demonstrate how to make Breinwurst, an Austrian cooked sausage made from pork and millet. He'll start by grinding the millet with pork, rice, and garlic. Then he'll incorporate pork shoulder to ensure the perfect blend (forgoing the traditional ingredients: pig's head, skin, and internal organs). Matthew will be joined by Porcshe Moran, prolific food writer and Mathew's coauthor for the forthcoming book Missouri Comfort.

ABOUT THE AUTHORS: Mathew Unger is currently the Director of Foodservice at Midwest Petroleum, where he oversees Dottie's, a truck stop diner in Cuba, Missouri, and develops programs for convenience stores throughout Missouri and Illinois. Porcshe Moran Murphy is a marketing and communications professional based in central Missouri.

TIME: 11:45 - 12:45 **LOCATION: Festival Stage**



12:00 PM

Lily Storytime with Carolyn Mueller-Kelly

Enjoy Lily: A True Story of Courage and the Joplin Tornado with author Carolyn Mueller-Kelly! Lily calls Joplin home. A boisterous Weimaraner with super smarts and an incredible sniffer, Lily is trained to be a search and rescue dog. After Joplin is hit by a massive tornado. Lily's bravery and resilience are put to the test, as she is called upon to help put her city back together piece by piece. Join Lily as she lives right, trains hard, and fights the good fight. This is a true story of hope and hometown heroes, celebrating the courageous spirit of a city and a very special dog. Make sure to check out the Purina Incredible Dog Team performances later in the afternoon for even more incredible dogs!

ABOUT THE AUTHOR: Carolyn Mueller-Kelly is a zookeeper at the Saint Louis Zoo and the author of Lily: A True Story of Courage and the Joplin Tornado, Missouri Almanac, and Forest Park: A Walk through History.

TIME: 12:00 - 1:00 CHILDREN **LOCATION: Neighborhood Reads Backyard**



They Will Run Car Show

Car enthusiasts and folks of all ages can take a step back in time to the golden age of the automobile in the Gateway City. Take a peek at a variety of classic cars parked for your viewing pleasure and chat with author Tom Eyssell!

ABOUT THE AUTHOR: Thomas Eyssell coauthored They Will Run: The Golden Age of Automobiles in St. Louis with fellow car enthusiast and historian Molly Butterworth. He currently has four 1960s muscle cars in his garage and is always looking to add to the fleet.



ALL AGES INTERACTIVE CARS/VEHICLES



The Ozarks in Print and Perception: Imagining a Region in Book

How closely do literary images of the Ozarks mirror reality? Our moderator and panelists will discuss how books, both fiction and nonfiction, have shaped images of the Ozarks since the publication of Harold Bell Wright's The Shepherd of the Hills in 1907 and how these images have affected the region's history and development. In addition, authors will discuss their connection with the Ozarks, how and why they

incorporate the region into their work, and how contemporary literature continues to shape public perceptions of the Ozarks and Ozarkers.

ABOUT THE MODERATOR: Dr. Brooks Blevins is an author and Noel Boyd Professor of Ozarks Studies in the history department at Missouri State University.

ABOUT THE AUTHORS: Steve Wiegenstein grew up in the eastern Ozarks, which is the setting for his novels and short stories. His story collection Scattered Lights was a finalist for the 2021 PEN/Faulkner Award in Fiction. Nancy Allen is a New York Times bestselling author and has co-written several books with James Patterson. She practiced law for 15 years as Assistant Missouri Attorney General and Assistant Prosecutor in her native Ozarks.

TIME: 12:30 - 1:30 **LOCATION: City Chambers**

PANEL HISTORY

1:00 PM



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have appeared in national magazines, advertising, book publishing, children's publications, licensing, newspaper syndication, and network television. You'll go home with at least a dozen drawings! This event is limited to 50 participants.

ADULT

ABOUT THE ARTIST: Rick Stromoski's illustrations and cartoons have appeared in national magazines, advertising, book publishing, children's publications, licensing, newspaper syndication, and network television.

TIME: 1:00 - 2:00 **LOCATION: Washington Library**

CHILDREN WORKSHOP

Return of the Soapbox Derby!

Let's Draw Cartoons! With Rick Stromoski

Nationally syndicated and award-winning cartoonist and

Get ready for the Thrill on the Hill, also known as the Gravity Grand Prix! Soapbox racing returns to Washington for the first time since 1964. Witness a sport that is 100 percent gravity-powered, bolstered by STEM learning, and rooted in family and community. Grab your spot on the sidewalk to watch exciting racing action, and then check out the soapbox cars up close at the They Will Run Car Show! This program is sponsored by Modern Auto Company and supported by the Optimist Clubs of Washington and Columbia.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR: Thomas Eyssell coauthored They Will Run: The Golden Age of Automobiles in St. Louis with fellow car enthusiast and historian Molly Butterworth. He currently has four 1960s muscle cars in his garage and is always looking to add to the fleet.

TIME: 1:00 - 2:00 LOCATION: Cedar Street (Fremont Street to Second Street)



DRAWING

Tia's Tingles Storytime with Jessica Horne

Tia is a whimsical delight. Throughout her day she becomes distracted, her energy boosts, and she overtalks her friends. When the task of managing her tingles becomes too overwhelming Tia elicits the help of her father. With his support, she learns guided imagery and meditation techniques that help her to become calm again and gain a sense of empowerment.



ABOUT THE AUTHOR: Jessica Horne is a children's book author and licensed clinical professional counselor born and raised in Kansas City. In 2017, Jessica published her first children's book, Tia's Tingles, seeking to combine her admiration for literature and mental health care to support emotional and social wellness for children of all backgrounds.

TIME: 1:00 - 2:00 LOCATION: Neighborhood Reads Backyard



1:30 PM

A Touch of the Irish

Irish music, literature, and history are inseparable, and in the afternoon we bring you the perfect mix. Irish fiddler Kevin Buckley and flutist/ guitarist Dan Lowery will play popular folk tunes. In between songs. Patrick Murphy—author of The Irish in St. Louis—will share highlights of local Irish history, touching on fascinating figures like Timothy Dempsey and Charles Dismas Clark (the "Hoodlum Priest") and noting infamous ones like the Bottoms Gang and Egan's Rats. Join us in the great tradition of Irish music-making and storytelling!



ABOUT THE AUTHOR: Patrick Murphy is the author of The Irish in St. Louis and Candy Men: The Story of Switzer's Licorice.

TIME: 1:30 - 2:30 **LOCATION: Festival Stage**



The Purina Incredible Dog Team

Come see some of the most talented canines in the country as they perform high-flying tricks at either of the Purina Incredible Dog Team performances taking place during the Missouri Book Festival. You can watch dogs of different sizes and breeds leap into the air to catch a flying disc or maneuver through a series of jumps and obstacles on an agility course. Many of the team's dogs are rescue dogs, and due in large part to high-quality nutrition, extensive athletic training, and lots of love, they've become amazing athletes, proving that shelter dogs have the potential to accomplish incredible feats.



ABOUT THE AUTHOR: The Purina® Pro Plan® Incredible Dog Challenge brings together the world's best canine athletes to compete in action-packed events. For more than 20 years, these incredible dogs have thrilled audiences with gravity-defying leaps, lightning-fast runs, and high-flying catches that will keep you on the edge of your seat.

TIME: 1:30 - 1:45 and 3:00 - 3:15 (two 15-minute performances) LOCATION: Grass Lot on 3rd and Oak Streets



Reflections on Two Centuries of Missouri Statehood



On Aug. 10, 2021, Missouri commemorated its bicentennial. In this program, author and historian Gary R. Kremer will provide a reflective perspective on 200 years of Missouri statehood as he outlines some key themes throughout

Missouri history. Themes include opposition, even hostility, toward the federal government; a commitment to low taxes and limited state government; the historical urban–rural divide in the state; the consequences of the transition from being a predominantly rural state to being a state where a majority of citizens live in urban areas; and the centrality of race throughout Missouri history. This program will be introduced by Andrew J. Davidson, editor in chief for University of Missouri Press.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR: Gary R. Kremer is the executive director of the State Historical Society of Missouri, a position he has held since 2004. He's authored more than a dozen books on Missouri history, including, most recently, *This Place of Promise: A Historian Reflects on 200 Years of Missouri History.*

TIME: 2:00 – 3:00 LOCATION: City Chambers



Telling Stories through Words and Illustrations

We invite families and people of all ages to connect with Missouri history, conservation, and culture through word and illustration. Join Dan and Connie Burkhardt, authors of *Growing Up with the River: Nine Generations on the Missouri* as they discuss how the book came about and the collaboration with artist Bryan Haynes to bring the story to life through his



illustrations. The program will consist of a short presentation followed by an open house to connect with the Burkhardts and enjoy the work displayed in Bryan Haynes Studio.

This program will also celebrate *Growing up with the River* as it was recently chosen by the Missouri Center for the Book to be included in the "Great Reads from Great Places" list for the 2022 National Book Festival of the Library of Congress!

ABOUT THE AUTHOR: Dan and Connie Burkhardt live in St. Louis and on their Warren County farm near the Missouri River with a herd of 50 cows and several flocks of chickens. Together, they coauthored *Growing Up with the River*.

TIME: 2:00 – 3:30 LOCATION: Brvan Havnes Studio

ALL AGES HISTORY

Incredible Cardinals Storytime

Deep in Busch Stadium's left field, you'll find a wall of heroes. The greatest Cardinals of all time are painted there, reminding us that dreams do come true. On this wall, Dizzy Dean still throws his flaming fastball. Lou Brock flashes his supersonic speed around the bases. Ozzie Smith puts on a show with his fielding magic. Just like players today, young Cardinal fans dream of joining their heroes on the wall. Will you join them one day too? Baseball historian and enthusiast Ed Wheatley tells the story. Illustrations by artist Ed Koehler.

ABOUT THE ARTIST: Ed Wheatley is an EMMY Award–winning producer and author of *Wrestling at the Chase, Baseball in St. Louis, and The St. Louis Browns: The Story of a Beloved Team.*

CHILDREN

TIME: 2:00 – 3:00 LOCATION: Neighborhood Reads Backyard

STORYTIME SPORTS

ART

Circus Harmony's St. Louis Arches

Bringing new meaning to the idea of juggling or balancing the books, the St. Louis Arches are the high-flying performance troupe from Circus Harmony. The Arches, an acclaimed group of young performers based at City Museum, will perform a variety of circus arts including acrobatic, aerial, juggling, and balancing feats of skill and daring. For more than a decade, the Arches partnered with the Jewish/ Arab Galilee Circus in Israel, and the children's book *Watch Out for Flying Kids* captures the spirit of this partnership.



ABOUT THE AUTHOR: Circus Harmony is a nonprofit social circus organization that uses circus arts to motivate social change by inspiring individuals and connecting communities with circus education and entertainment programs.

TIME: 2:30 – 3:00

LOCATION: Main Festival Grounds



From the Page to the Stage: In My Granny's Garden

Inspired by the children's book by acclaimed playwright and *New York Times* bestselling author Pearl Cleage and her husband, writer and director Zaron W. Burnett Jr., *In My Granny's Garden* invites the youngest audiences to explore the glory of growing your own food. Families are invited to participate in a literary performance that will be hands-on and guaranteed to nourish the body and soul! Music composition created by the ensemble, led by Syrhea Const



body and soul! Music composition created by the ensemble, led by Syrhea Conaway and Colin McLaughlin. Alicia Revé Like will play the role of "Granny" and Jenise Sheppard will play the "Child." *In My Granny's Garden is recommended for children 0–8 and their grown-ups*.

ABOUT THE PERFORMERS: DIRECTOR: Rosemary Newcott; Inspired by *In My Granny's Garden* by Pearl Cleage and Zaron Burnett Jr. and illustrated by Radcliffe Bailey; Music composition created by the ensemble, led by Syrhea Conaway and Colin McLaughlin; GRANNY: Alicia Revé Like; CHILD: Jenise Sheppard; ENSEMBLE/MUSICIAN: Colin McLaughlin; ENSEMBLE/MUSICIAN: Syrhea Conaway; STAGE MANAGER: James Bernatowicz; ASSISTANT STAGE MANAGER/UNDERSTUDY: Camille Sharp.

TIME: 2:30 – 2:55 and 3:15 – 3:40 (two 25-minute performances) LOCATION: Washington Library

CHILDREN PERFORMANCE



Telling Our Stories Writing Workshop

Facilitated by Maryfrances Wagner, Missouri's sixth poet laureate, this 90-minute generative writing workshop invites participants to capture a moment in time—whether it be in a poem or a tiny memoir piece. Novice and experienced writers are welcome as we explore how micro-memories can add up to tell a bigger story of one's life, the people in it, and the experiences we've had. *This event is limited to 35 participants. Arriving early is recommended.*

ABOUT THE POET: Maryfrances Wagner is a poet and coeditor of *I-70 Review* and is a board member and programming chair for the Writers Place. Her newest books are *The Silence of Red Glass, The Immigrants' New Camera*, and *Solving for X*.

ADULT

TIME: 3:30 – 5:00 LOCATION: Public Safety Building Basement



WRITING

WORKSHOP

Brew-land, Missouri

Few cities can tell the story of beer in America like St. Louis. Join Cameron Collins, coauthor of the third edition of *St. Louis Brews*, as he tells the story of more than 200 years of brewing history in our region. A fascinating journey that leads through lagering caves, malt houses, and beer gardens, legendary brewers with names such as Lemp, Anheuser, Busch, and Griesedieck shaped the brewing industry not just here but throughout the entire country. And as our region embraces the new craft beer movement with dozens of new and unique breweries in operation, the story is just getting starts



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ABOUT THE POET: Cameron Collins is the author of the blog *Distilled History* and multiple books on St. Louis history including *St. Louis Brews, Scenes of Historic Wonder,* and *Lost Treasures of St. Louis.*

TIME: 3:30 – 4:30 LOCATION: Old Bridgeview Brewing



Get Down to the St. Louis Sound

From the first known human inhabitants of our woodlands and river valleys and French fiddlers of the fur-trading days to the rock and hiphop icons of the present millennium, St. Louis is a town rich in musical history. Join *St. Louis Sound* author Amanda E. Doyle and a stellar lineup of local musicians for an entertaining and educational concert that will transport you musically from the early ragtime and blues to jazz and the birth of rock 'n' roll, soaring R & B, funk, country, ska, Americana, hip-hop, and more.

ADULT

ABOUT THE AUTHOR: Amanda E. Doyle is a writer and zealous St. Louis transplant. She's the author of several books, including St. Louis Sound, 100 Things to Do in Missouri Before You Die, To the Top! A Gateway Arch Story, Standing Up for Civil Rights in St. Louis, and Missouri Almanac.

TIME: 3:30 – 4:30 LOCATION: Festival Stage

INTERACTIVE MUSIC

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Let us know and help us make the Festival better by filling out our short survey.

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Missouri Book Festival Mission

When we read our favorite books for the first time, the senses heighten and the heart and mind open. The spirit soars and the imagination surges as the story leaps from the confines of the page and into our consciousness. Our world changes forever because of the unparalleled and sometimes transformative power of the book.

In a singular celebration of literature, the Missouri Book Festival will bring our region's most exciting and emblematic stories to life. The festival highlights regional history, food, music, sports, art, and more through interactive programs presented by Missouri authors. These events will engage and entertain attendees, who will discover reading as both the connection to endless subjects and the ultimate catalyst of our imagination.

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