

THE CLARK

CLARK ART INSTITUTE

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THE CLARK'S MISSION

*To advance and extend
the public understanding of art.*

THE CLARK EDUCATION DEPARTMENT'S MISSION

*To engage the general public with the Clark's
collection and exhibitions through programs that
create valuable, meaningful, and even
transformative experiences for all visitors.*

HUMANITIES EXPERTISE

The Clark offers a full series of educational opportunities for the public designed to encourage a wide range of audiences to explore, understand, and enjoy the Clark's collections and the visual arts. Our programs include guided gallery talks, illustrated Looking Closely cards and drawing pads, lectures, films, studio arts courses and other special activities for all ages. Rooted in the belief that engaging with art can encourage health and well-being for individuals and communities, the Education Department's array of programs extends the Institute's reach to include people that could benefit from a museum experience, but may have felt excluded from places like the Clark in the past.

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HUMANITIES RESOURCES & PROJECTS

PROGRAMS & RESOURCES

The Clark's education programming is separated into three different areas:

Family and Community Programs — "Open-house" programs that engage adults and children with the Clark's collections, exhibitions, and landscape. These include free programs like Family Days, Preschool "Start with Art" Saturdays, New Parents Gallery Talks, specialized classes and workshops, and the First Sundays Free Program (held October through May).

School and Adult Programs — Programs aimed at specialized (and sometimes general) audiences focusing on a range of approaches and themes. We offer individually tailored gallery talks to [school groups](#) within one of six curricular areas: Exploring Art, Art and Language Arts, French Art and Culture, Social Context, Colonial America and the Early United States, and Art and Nature. Seasonal featured talks are also offered relating to special exhibitions and/or relevant current events and issues. [Adult groups](#) and the general public can join regular public highlights talks in our permanent collection or can arrange for private talks for a fee.

Outreach Programs — [Socially relevant programs](#) that meet a community need by teaching with our collection. We collaborate with institutions and schools around Berkshire County to create group-specific programs. Participants include the Berkshire County Juvenile Court System, Berkshire County Head Start, retirement communities, local middle schools, and the mental health community.

Museums for All — The Clark is a part of a new initiative to ensure that every family and child has access to high-quality museum experiences. In conjunction with IMLS and the Association of Children's Museums, Museums for All has been developed as a nationally branded program, targeted to low-income families. The Clark offers free admission for up to four individuals in a group upon presentation of an EBT (electronic benefit transfer) card.

Explore the Clark's collection and listen to audio on select works [on our website](#).