In their own words ...
Experience – Grow - Make a Difference

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UW-Platteville Students & PACCE Summer Interns

Interning at Arts Wisconsin
Anna is a sophomore majoring in Art Education. She’s from Monroe WI
Ciera is a senior majoring in Art Education. She’s from Mazomanie WI

“This internship provides classroom experience as an art teacher.” - Adams

Anna’s aha moment:
“I’m learning a lot about working with kids…they think that everything is so cool!”

How did your internship opportunity happen?
Carole Spelic* introduced us to the concept of creating a mural for the Cobb Public Library. Their board didn’t approve the mural so we decided to create art classes for children instead.

Over 14 libraries in the system asked us to present the program in their communities.

How does your internship complement your academic goals?
We need experience to complete my portfolio and this internship satisfies Standard 10. This experience complements our academic goals by moving our portfolio progress forward. It also gives us experience working with children of various ages in different kinds of environments.

How are you spending your days?
We are very busy. We work almost every day besides Sunday. We start around 9 am and wrap up between 1 pm or 8 pm. It depends on how many libraries we have that day or how much prep work we have for the next few days. Our activities include making paint/cave painting, pet rocks, puppets, edible art, found art, fossils, flower pots, print making, duct tape, ecology collages and other ideas the libraries have that fit their summer reading program: Dig Into Reading. We also do story time at some libraries.

What types of skills are you learning?
We are learning to work with kids. Sometimes we have over 50 kids. We are learning about lesson planning and classroom management. We have learned how to manage big groups and how to explain what we are doing well enough for kids under the age of 5 to understand. We have learned new and creative ways to create art with recycled materials.

What has been the best part of this experience?
The best part of this experience is how happy we make the children. We just love seeing how proud they are of their work.

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