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Children's Art Shows At The Barton Library and Jones Memorial Library

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VSA Vermont (VSA VT), the state organization on arts and disability, will be holding two children's art shows in the Northeast Kingdom.

In Barton

The children's art show at the Barton Public Library will be held now through Monday during normal library hours and will feature a tri-fold display art work & photos of children from Morgan Como's Apple Dapple, home childcare program.



In Orleans

The children's art show at the Jones Memorial Library, 1 Water Street in Orleans, will be held now through Monday during normal library hours and will feature a tri fold display of work and photos of children from Katherine Boivin's, MY Place To Grow home childcare, preschool and Head Start program. The public is invited to both of these free displays.

The children's art exhibit is part of VSA Vermont's Start With The Arts (SWTA) Early Childhood Program. SWTA is a free statewide early literacy program, serving 285 children and 42 childcare providers each year. The program includes multi-genre arts/literacy activities taught by trained teaching-artists as well as experiential learning opportunities for childcare providers to create and teach their own lessons so that they can advance in their careers. By the end of the 7-month program, childcare providers have created and delivered 16 of their own arts-based literacy activities, ensuring confidence, skill, and habit in providing quality early education long-term.

Morgan Como's home childcare—Apple Dapple Childcare—is located in Barton. Katherine Boivin's home childcare—My Place to Grow Childcare—is located in Orleans. Como and Boivin participated in the Fall 2015 SWTA program under the instruction of VSA VT's teaching-artist, Jennifer Foehr McKenzie. Said Como, "I wanted to learn more about how to combine reading books with activities in different art genres."

Boivin stated, "The kids always ask when the 'art lady' is coming to visit."

For more information about VSA Vermont and its Start With The Arts Program, contact Peggy Rainville, director of Children's Programming, at peggy@vsavt.org <<mailto:peggy@vsavt.org>> or 802-871-5418.