

Creative Corner for Library Staff

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What is the Creative Corner Project?

- A pair of staff facing creativity stations
- 1 in Suzzallo Library, 1 in Odegaard Library
- Open for 6 week trial period
- Featured 1 new highlighted craft each week, as well as assorted supplies (such as crayons, coloring book pages, beads, and much much more)



Goals?

- Lower Stress
- Foster Creativity
- Strengthen employee/employer relationship



Assessment & Feedback

- Created short survey had 44 respondents over a two week period.
- After participating, 60% of users reported that they felt "slightly," "quite," or "very" relaxed.
- Most popular reasons for not participating were "too busy" (62.1%) and "not interested" (44.8%).
- Barriers to participation included: being "too busy," being worried about getting in trouble with coworkers for "wasting time" by participating, and difficulty understanding the directions.

Participant Feedback:

- "I had a great time with my co-worker! It took our mind off our workday for awhile and filled us with energy to continue the week. Thanks!"
- "Work day is often not very creative so it felt good to do something with my hands. Have been enjoying my creation (flower) ever since- have it at my desk."