

Teen and Adult Education and Documentation at Fleisher Art Memorial

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Background

Fleisher Art Memorial is the oldest community art school in America, and their mission focuses on community and accessibility. They offer a wide range of programs, including free and paid classes for adults, Saturday programs for children and youth, and a free after-school art-making space for teens called Teen Lounge.

Documentation

At Fleisher, I was often out and about with a camera, taking photos of adult classes and Teen Lounge workshops. I learned about the different functions of photographic documentation, from social media to websites to grant applications. I also collected qualitative data through interviews and conversations with members of Teen Lounge.



Takeaways

Through my documentation, I was welcomed into the Fleisher community with open arms: I was especially welcomed into the teens' space, and made a zine for them with my pictures as a parting gift. I grew as a photographer and learned so much about serving communities and arts participation among different age groups.