



Project MAINE

COMMUNITY RESOURCE LINKS: October 2023

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VISITING EXPERTS AND ORGANIZATIONS

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Visiting experts are an important component of Side x Side programs. They connect students to their communities, to new career possibilities and support teacher content with specific expertise. They also create an engaging Kick-Off presentation to get students excited about Side x Side and what's to come.

Maine Audubon: [maineaudubon.org](https://www.maineaudubon.org)

Sparks' Ark Animal Services: www.sparksark.com

Center for Wildlife: www.thecenterforwildlife.org

News Center Maine Meteorologists: www.newscentermaine.com/meet-the-team

First Light Wildlife Habitats (Deb Perkins, Wildlife Ecologist): www.firstlighthabitats.com

SOURCING ART MATERIALS

Side x Side programs provide artist-grade materials, many of which are new to students. When students begin to see the range of tools they can use to create, their understanding of an artist's process expands as does their imagination.

When sourcing materials there are always lots of options. It is helpful to ask your specialists and UA teams where they source materials and if they have favorite ones that hold up well or suggestions on what to avoid. We recommend starting with your local arts & crafts supply stores. Remind them you are a teacher as they often give discounts. They should be able to help you select the correct brushes, paper, or paint. We also order online from larger suppliers. They often have reduced bulk prices and offer teacher discounts. Staples is a great resource for bulk card stock and tagboard.

We know finding funding can be challenging. Reaching out to your PTO/PTA, utilizing district education foundations, Donors Choose, and visiting places like the Goodwill, hardware stores, or Ruth's Reusables can help with funding the materials you need.

Manufacturers Association of Maine: [mainemfg.com](https://www.mainemfg.com)

Blick Art Materials: www.dickblick.com

Artist & Craftsman Supply: [artistcraftsman.com](https://www.artistcraftsman.com)

Ruth's Reusable Resources: www.ruths.org

Staples: www.staples.com

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