

# 10 cost-effective ways to spruce up your learning commons

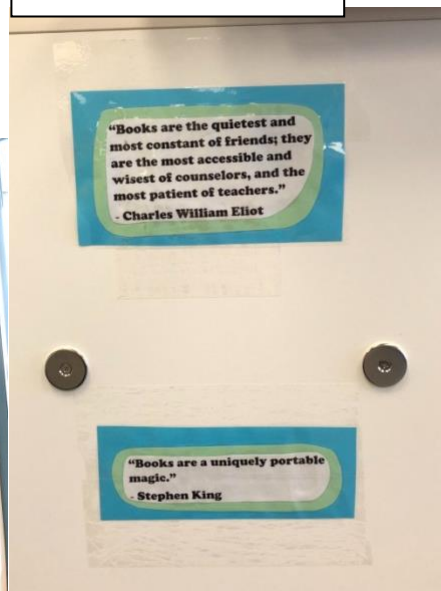
1. DIY book-related displays



2. Use dust jackets as décor



3. Authors' quotes!



4. DIY maker/LEGO/art/poetry wall



5. Donated and thrifted doodads for STEAM projects



6. Simple displays to connect students and teachers



7. Kid-friendly furniture! It can even be thrifted or donated.



8. Reclaimed glass case upcycled into a mini museum!



9. Upcycled kid-friendly check-out and book handling systems



10. Use old electronics for STEM lessons/Collaboration/art projects

Some relevant article links to images:

<https://twitter.com/MrsLowteacher> (first 3 images - from my library at Forsyth Road)

<http://renovatedlearning.com/2014/09/12/the-epic-library-lego-wall-how-to-build-one/>

<https://www.slj.com/?detailStory=a-maker-space-for-little-ones>

<https://whatsnotwrong.wordpress.com/2013/04/11/what-students-read-when-they-can-read-anything/>

<http://redcedarhomes.com/childrens-library-furniture.html/marvellous-ideas-childrens-library-furniture-beautiful-decoration>

I create a document aimed specifically at low-cost and upcycled items, but I'd also like to share the library board that I've been curating on Pinterest all year.

<https://www.pinterest.ca/meowfornow/library/>

Cheers!

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