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Lillian Radlo Resident Artist Program

fosters opportunities in the arts for Newton high school students that are above and beyond the scope of the traditional school arts curriculum. Mentors from the community apply to share their expertise through master classes, clinics, visual art installations, theatre workshops, and other initiatives, with the overall goal of building relationships within the community and the schools, as well as engaging and involving students.

Initiatives funded by the program

Jazz Night: A Celebration of Jazz in Newton

High school students, families, and seven professional musicians came together for a night of music and collaboration. Before the performance, the resident artists led workshops and clinics for students from North and South high schools. Students and professionals had a chance to play alongside, listen, offer advice, feedback and constructive criticism, and get to know each other.



Playwright's Festival

Local published playwright Walt McGough shared his experience and expert advice in continuous workshops with North and South students in preparation for their 2013 Playwright Festival. With McGough's mentorship, students explored and developed ideas for ten-minute plays that were performed publicly at the festival in June.



North/South Mural Project

Plans for both Newton high schools to craft a mural based on a common theme, but visually represented in unique ways, began this year and continue to develop.

About the Donor

Lillian Radlo is remembered by her family and friends as a true renaissance woman—involved, caring, thoughtful and sensitive to people and events. She served as Assistant to the Superintendent of the Newton Public Schools from 1972-1983 and was very active in politics and city affairs. She is remembered to have “taught by example,” and as being involved in virtually every aspect of programs, policies, plans, and budgets for the Newton Public Schools. “Education for Lillian was continuous and personally fulfilling,” said former Newton South Principal Van Seasholes. “She loved the theatre, music, art, and good writing and she worked tirelessly for the Newton schools and the community she loved.”

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