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There's a new home for the arts in Carbondale. —Ali Margo

Amy Kimberly, executive director of Carbondale Arts, sits behind her desk at the **Launchpad** (launchpadcarbondale.com) in Carbondale with her purple hair in small pigtails, excitement oozing from her every pore as she describes Rosybelle, the large school bus parked out front that's going to be converted into what she calls a "messy art space," for a series of new classes.

The Launchpad is, in many ways, Kimberly's dreams coming to fruition—a home for the arts in Carbondale. And not just any home, but a beautifully renovated old library that is front-and-center in downtown Carbondale, where performing arts and fine arts can come together under one roof.

In true Carbondale fashion, the space is very community-oriented with an open-door policy that means it's OK to snack on veggies out of the edible garden, play a tune on the piano set up in the front yard, or hang out in the wigwam fashioned out of willow branches at the Five Points Film Festival last spring.

Still, it's a far cry from an artsy, hippie hangout. Set in the former Gordon Cooper Library, the space was designed by Aspen-based architects Rowland+Broughton and features an open, light-flooded reception space with two professional-grade performing arts studios, a state-of-the-art gallery, a retail store and offices.

Classes are open to the public for kids and adults and include dance, yoga, fine arts and everything from breastfeeding support groups to silent meditation and country couples dancing.

Another main component of the space is dance. **Dance Initiative**, a nonprofit dedicated to promoting dance in the Roaring Fork Valley, sponsors the studios that have finally provided affordable rehearsal space for dancers in the Valley who, until now, had been without a home. As part of its artist in residence program, it also hosts world-renowned dancers from all over the country who come to Carbondale not only to perform, but to host open rehearsals that encourage community involvement, which is at the core of Launchpad's philosophy. "What makes this space special is it belongs to the community," says Deborah Colley, associate director of Dance Initiative. "We want people to feel like the arts belongs to them. It's for everybody—not just the elite."



ART SMARTS From top: Launchpad is a new center for the arts in Carbondale; the Dance Initiative nonprofit sponsors rehearsal space at Launchpad.

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