# **ACKLAND** Play at the *pARC* Reading List

Enjoy some amazing stories and beautiful illustrations about the importance of creativity and seeing beauty in unusual spaces as it relates to The Urban Conga's pARC and their goal to spark social interaction and activate underutilized spaces.

### My Museum by Joanne Liu

Read Aloud: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oswRvVX95Cs

A young boy visits an art gallery and although he has a hard time seeing the artwork on display through the crowds, he discovers that art is all around him — from another visitor's tattoos to the way the sun makes patterns of light on the floor.

A book with whimsical illustrations that reminds us that the best kind of art is the kind you make yourself. Featuring illustrations of works by famous artists such as Henri Matisse and Piet Mondrian.

#### *The Imaginary Garden* by Andrew Larsen, Irene Luxbacher (Illustrator)

Read Aloud: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XkDE7dtUwn0&t

Theodora's grandfather moves into a new apartment with a balcony too windy and small for a garden, but Theodora and her grandfather work side by side to paint a new garden using their imagination.

A wonderful book showing how you can see beauty and art in bare spaces and how art enriches our lives.

## Lala's Words by Gracey Zhang

Read Aloud: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LUf8TFiVGnk&t

Lala knows how to speak words of love to living beings and by doing so she turns a few weeds into a beautiful and magnificent garden.

A timeless story that celebrates the power of kind words and creativity.



#### The Imaginary Garden



