Main Streets

When most people talk about a town or city’s “Main Street” they are referring to the public center of town, where all the stores, movie theaters, restaurants, and services live.

Especially in small towns, their version of Main Street is often considered the heart of the community. Main Street is where everyone comes together to do their shopping, to go to the library, to go out to dinner, see parades or hold local festivals. Since every city is different, every Main Street is different. Explore the towns in our current exhibit to see how different places make sure their Main Street stays exiting and important.

**Design Challenge: Your Main Street**

Draw and/or build a model of your own Main Street using art supplies or Google SketchUp!

- What would *your* dream Main Street look like?
- What do you do there?
- What services do you need?
- Are there parks?
- Places for performances?
- What makes your neighborhood special?