## A Creative Lifestyle for Emotional Health

Creativity is about generating and recognizing alternatives, ideas, or possibilities to use when communicating, entertaining, and solving problems. It doesn't matter what ways you choose to implement creative outlets in your life because you'll always reap the benefits:

- Boosts in communication and socialization in a community setting
- Enhanced balance, flexibility, and strength
- Fosters a sense of achievement and purpose
- Promotes brain health, memory, and intellectual stimulation
- Reduced anxiety, depression, loneliness, and stress



## Start your creative journey through activities like:

**Reading and Writing:** In keeping with the importance of stories, reading and writing are also great methods for inspiration and creativity while improving cognitive and physical abilities.





**Performing:** Theatre allows us to connect with our humanity and emotions, including laughter, which is always regarded as the best medicine. But it also provides new experiences and opportunities to expand your social networks, whether in making the art or going to view it.

**Cooking:** Cooking allows us to tap into special memories with family or traditional recipes. It also gives us the opportunity to experiment by modifying or trying new dishes.





**Arts and Crafts:** Painting, knitting, sculpting, drawing, collaging, any sort of arts and crafts provide the perfect opportunity to improve our fine motor skills, cognitive abilities, and self-expression through problem-solving and innovative moments.

**Music:** Moving your body to music you enjoy is a form of physical artistic expression that improves balance and flexibility and shows emotions, feelings, and imagination. Singing is effective for verbal memory and recalling verbal information through lyrics. There's also the muscle memory of playing an instrument and the creative energy of creating music to express yourself!



