

InquiryLearn

Organic Connections:

Science, Social Studies & Technology

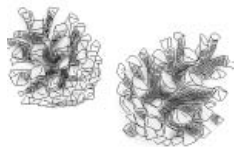
We learn in circles, not in boxes. Authentic learning grows naturally from our diverse experiences and curiosities. *So, how can we facilitate meaningful experiences that inspire visitors to share their knowledge through concrete, positive action that reaches beyond the museum and into the world around them?* Putting this question into action is the basis of my work.

As we begin the 21st century, overlapping economic, social, scientific, and environmental challenges require thoughtful and informed **decision-making, scientific and technological expertise that embraces creativity and innovation**, and the ability to **collaborate** and successfully **negotiate** with the global community to **build consensus** around pivotal issues.

InquiryLearn helps visitors develop these hands-on tools and strategies by shaping organic, inquiry-based experiences that **innovatively integrate the sciences, social studies and technology** and are aligned with the **national learning standards**.

Sample programs include:

- **Integrated, inquiry-based curricula** and **Web-based** programs aligned with standards
- **Forums** for local, national, and global **community-building** via videoconferencing
- **Online simulations and games** customized to exhibit content
- **Multiple-age family learning activities** that connect with curriculum concepts, encourage parent/child collaboration, thoughtful investigation and reflection, and **ongoing learning**.



Conservation Central
developed for **Smithsonian's National Zoo**

"Best Museum Website"

(Museums and the Web 2004)

AAM Muse Award

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