

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR PUBLIC ART
WAUKESHA PUBLIC LIBRARY
DUE MONDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2016**

PROJECT BACKGROUND

The Waukesha Public Library, located just south of the City's downtown in historic Cutler Park, is a 72,000 square foot facility. The Library building includes an entrance enhanced by the use of copper and glass, a first floor that invites members of the community to browse the Library's collection or to linger to read and relax, a glass walled young adult space, an exciting second floor children's area, and a community meeting room.

The Library serves some 92,000 area residents and welcomes approximately one half million visitors each year. In addition to striving to be the community's best source for inspiration, ideas, and information, the Library is a public space that functions as a center for the community. The Library seeks to provide opportunities for artists to enhance the Library facility and the experiences of Library visitors, while reinforcing a sense of place and creating local pride.

The Library has developed a permanent collection of art in a variety of media (paint, fabric, stained glass, and metal) fabricated by talented local artists. At this time, the Library's Public Art Committee seeks to build the collection through the acquisition of one or more additional works of art.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Waukesha Public Library is requesting proposals from artists interested in designing and implementing a specific work of art for this facility. Selected artists will work with the members of the Library's Public Art Committee, as well as the Library's Executive Director, to develop and implement their design concepts. The Library is open to proposals from artists that suggest a specific space within the Library as the most ideal site for a particular work.

The following are locations that have been suggested by Committee members, but the list is not intended to limit proposals. It is strongly recommended that artists visit the Library prior to preparing proposals.

- 1) The front lobby and/or center atrium would lend itself to a hanging mobile or sculpture
- 2) Large wall south of the computer area (2 existing pieces could be relocated)
- 3) Carnegie room – wall under the window that is directly ahead as you enter the space
- 4) Narrow wall outside the door to the Teen Zone
- 5) Horizontal wall space over the Book Return slots in the lobby

- 6) Outdoor sculpture located along the sidewalk near the bike racks
- 7) Other options per artist's recommendations

Artists must be 18 years or older. Applications for artwork will be reviewed and selected based on the past relevant work and resumes of the artists. Selected artists will be invited to interview with the Public Art Committee and asked to develop site-specific proposals and cost estimates. In a limited number of situations, the Committee may decide that an existing work of art is suitable for purchase.

The Library Board has expressed a preference for artists who reside or work in Waukesha County and Wisconsin.

Any artist selected to provide artwork will be required to execute a contract for services approved by the Library Board. The Library Board reserves the right to reject any application submitted in response to this request.

SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

In order to be considered for this project, artists must submit the following by 5:00 PM, Monday, October 31, 2016:

- Brief current resume
- A one-page letter of interest that includes a brief description of your general proposal for the project. Please do not submit detailed proposals at this time.
- Relevant project experience submitted the following way:
 - *A PC compatible CD (not MAC); File format: Baseline JPEG*
 - *A USB flash drive*
- A list including title, dimensions, primary materials, year completed and value of each work.
- A self-addressed postage paid mailer if return of CD or flash drive is desired. Only CDs and flash drives will be returned.
- Only original materials will be accepted - no fax or e-mail.

Send all materials in a mailer not to exceed 12" x 15" to:

Grant C. Lynch
Executive Director
Waukesha Public Library
321 Wisconsin Avenue
Waukesha, Wisconsin 53186

Please direct questions to Grant Lynch at 524-3680 or by e-mail (glynch@waukesha.lib.wi.us)

Thank you for your interest. We look forward to your response.