

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
PUBLIC ART
WAUKESHA PUBLIC LIBRARY
DUE DECEMBER 1, 2024**

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Waukesha Public Library is requesting proposals from artists interested in designing and implementing a specific work of art for this facility. If necessary, 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) Surface areas within the Library per artist's recommendations
- 2) Outdoor art attached to the south side of the building:



Artists must be 18 years or older. Applications will be reviewed and artists may be invited to interview with the Public Art Committee to present their proposals and answer questions before the committee makes the final decision to accept any proposal. All artists who make a proposal will be notified whether or not they have been accepted. If a proposal is accepted, it is contingent on funding. The Public Art Committee will work to find funding before a contract is signed. 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.

LIBRARY 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 several community meeting rooms.

The Library serves some 92,000 area residents and welcomes approximately 300,000 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.

SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

To be considered for this project, artists must submit all materials described below in a single email to Kelly Davis, Waukesha Public Library Special Projects Coordinator at kdavis@waukesha-wi.gov with the subject line: Proposal for Public Art. All materials are due by 5:00 PM, **December 1, 2024**:

Please submit:

- Brief current artist resumé
- A letter that describes your proposal and/or photo of the specific piece or similar piece to what you are proposing. A description of where it might be displayed in the library or on the library building. Include title, dimensions, media, and cost of work to the library. We will also consider full or partial donations.

Please direct questions to Kelly Davis at 524-3694 or by the email listed above.
Thank you for your interest. We look forward to your response.