

Request for Submittals

SIGNATURE ART PIECE FOR ST. CHARLES PUBLIC LIBRARY

St. Charles Public Library Foundation
One South Sixth Avenue, St. Charles, IL 60174

The St. Charles Public Library Foundation is seeking visual art pieces in a variety of mediums including photography, painting, illustrations and mixed media for the St. Charles Public Library. The signature art piece will be permanently displayed above the library's fireplace in the newly renovated space

This is a great opportunity to show your work and be a part of a historic place in the community.

The St. Charles Public Library is nestled in the heart of the city of St. Charles, Illinois. It rests near the beautiful Fox River and is home to many fine art pieces. The Library's artwork is featured in the "Art and Architecture in Illinois Libraries" database, <http://old.library.eiu.edu/artarch/>. With over 200 pieces of art, including exterior sculptures, the Library is proud of its varied collection.

Artist Criteria for Submission:

Professional artists are being solicited to submit resumes, references and ideas which are to meet the following criteria:

- All professional artists are welcomed to submit their original art. Preference will be given to local artists who reside in the Fox Valley area.
- The work is to be displayed above the main fireplace in the newly renovated St. Charles Public Library building. The fireplace dimensions are 10'L x 11'H. The mantel is 11.5" deep. The fireplace will be painted a neutral color as shown in the attached drawing.
- The piece must be original art. It should be a thoughtful work, considerate of its central location in a public library.
- Budget up to \$10,000, which should include delivery and installation

Submission Process:

Digital submissions should be sent to FoundationArt@scpld.org for consideration by July 13, 2020. Artists may send up to 5 images and should include details of the submission. This should include form, medium, dimensions, etc. If the files are too large for submission, a physical portfolio can be mailed into the Library Attn: Edith G. Craig (305 S. Ninth Street, St. Charles, IL 60174).

Artwork Restrictions:

Because of the constraints of the space, submissions must meet the following restrictions:

- The original work, whatever its dimensionality, should not project more than 4 - 5 inches from the wall, and should consider the load-bearing capacity of a standard stud and wallboard wall.

Selection Process & Notification:

All submitted works will be considered by a jury made up of committee members. All artists who submit work for consideration will be notified of the jury decision by July 24, 2020.

Questions? Please contact Edith G. Craig, Library Director at 630-584-0076 or email FoundationArt@scpld.org.

IMPORTANT

- All decisions of the jurors are final.
- If you are accepted, by submitting your entry you give the exhibitors the right to publish your images for publicity purposes; we may ask select artists to provide higher resolution jpegs suitable for publishing.
- Artist is responsible for delivering the artwork ready-to-hang; the accepted artist will work with the library team to assure the work is properly prepared for display.
- Upon commission or acceptance of the work, the Foundation will pay 50% of the cost. Final payment of artwork will be paid upon final installation.
- Piece should be ready to hang by March 1, 2021 and completely installed by the date of the Library occupying the newly renovated building.

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