



# Art in the Library

## What is *Art in the Library*?

**Art in the Library** is a program sponsored by the North Olympic Library System, which provides display space for works created by Clallam County artists. **Art in the Library** exhibits rotate on a regular quarterly schedule.

There is no fee or commission fee to participate in the **Art in the Library** program. The Library is not involved in the sale of artwork on display. Prices may be posted and/or a price list provided. The library will provide artist contact information to interested buyers.

Currently **Art in the Library** exhibit space is available in the Port Angeles Main Library and the Sequim Branch Library.

Display space is available for two-dimensional wall hung art. At the Port Angeles Main Library, limited display space is also available for three-dimensional pieces: appropriateness of three-dimensional works to available display spaces will be considered on a case-by-case basis. All display space is located within the library itself (not in lobbies or public meeting rooms). No insurance or other extraordinary measures will be taken by the Library to protect art displayed in the library.

## How do I show my work in an *Art in the Library* exhibit?

Selection and scheduling of artists, and layout of exhibits, is overseen by an **Art in the Library** coordinator at each library.

To apply to exhibit at the Port Angeles Main Library, please email [PA-Art@nols.org](mailto:PA-Art@nols.org);  
To apply to exhibit at the Sequim Branch Library, please email [Sequim-Art@nols.org](mailto:Sequim-Art@nols.org).

Generally speaking, display space and exhibit dates will be assigned to artists on a first come, first served basis. However, in accepting artist applications and assigning dates for **Art in the Library** exhibits, the following criteria may also be taken into account:

- Space availability relative to other works already accepted for a given exhibit period
- Appropriateness of available display spaces to the type/display needs of the works
- Aesthetic design of the exhibit relative to other works already accepted
- Nature/content of the artist's work relative to seasonal or topical themes
- Provision of equitable display opportunities for all interested Clallam County artists

## Display guidelines for *Art in the Library* exhibits

**Art in the Library** works must be the artist's original work, presentation ready, and appropriate for display in a public setting. The Library reserves the right to reject any items not deemed suitable for display.

The Library provides an art rail system with cables and adjustable hooks from which wall-hung pieces will be displayed.

Display of three-dimensional art will be considered on a case-by-case basis subject to size, fragility, value, and display needs of the pieces.

Two-dimensional wall art must be properly framed with a wire on the back for hanging. Works done on paper must be under glass or Plexiglas; glass must be clean.

Artists must provide a biographical statement, price list, and display labels for the exhibit.

Upon acceptance to an exhibit, *Art in the Library* exhibit coordinators will provide artists with the exact installation and take-down dates and times, and confer with selected artists regarding the number of pieces to be hung and the designated display space.

Artists are responsible for delivery and removal of their work.

## Thanks for your help!

The **Art in the Library** program would not be possible without:

- Financial support from the Port Angeles Friends of the Library and the Friends of the Sequim Library;
- The commitment and generous donation of their time by volunteer **Art in the Library** coordinators, and
- The creativity and community involvement of local artists.

For more information about Art in the Library or NOLS, visit [www.nols.org](http://www.nols.org).