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Re: *Art in the Library* at the Sequim Branch Library

On Friday, October 5, the Sequim Branch of the North Olympic Library System will be part of Sequim's First Friday Art Walk when it features painter Robert Lee at an after-hours reception from 5:30pm until 8pm. The artist's work will be on display, light refreshments will be available, and live music will be performed. Limited library services will be available during the after-hours reception.

Robert Lee has been drawing and painting since grade school; watercolor is his favorite medium. He grew up in Northeast Kansas and studied art while attending the University of Kansas. He continued to paint as a hobby while his career took him all over the U.S. and abroad. His art has been in many shows, and is in private collections all over the United States.

When asked about his painting style, Lee explains, "Landscapes are my favorite subjects; I am definitely a 'Traditionalist'." He ascribes his highly detailed style to early schooling in drafting, constructive drawing and architecture. "Ted Kautzky is a contemporary watercolor landscape artist that I have studied for years because my technique is similar to his. I admire the paintings of the California School of Watercolor for their spontaneous and adventurous technique."

Lee's recent move to Sequim, along with membership with Sequim Arts and the North Olympics Watercolor Group, has motivated him to paint more. "Such a beautiful area and friendly people provides plenty of inspiration," he says. He smiles. "I think what happens when pigments, water and paper meet is truly magic."

Music for the *Art in the Library* reception will be provided by local performer Kate Lily from 5:30 to 7:30pm. Kate Lily is a songstress and keyboard player with a unique Cabaret-style performance that includes music from many eras, Blues, Broadway and some of her own original tunes. You may also know Kate from her work as an actress in local theaters.

Art in the Library is a collaborative library/community art project featuring rotating exhibits by local artists. The program has been made possible by generous contributions from the Friends of Sequim Library, and also by the efforts of volunteer art coordinator Randy Radock, who schedules the artists and designs the displays. Robert Lee's paintings will remain on display at the Sequim Branch Library through the end of November.

The Sequim Branch Library is located at 630 N. Sequim Ave in Sequim. For more information, contact Sequim Library Manager Lauren Dahlgren at 683.1161 or ldahlgren@nols.org, or go to www.nols.org.

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