



# The Michael and Karen Heaton Art Gallery

## Art Gallery Wall Policy

### Overview

The Art Gallery Wall(s) at the Westfield Washington Public Library (WWPL) provides local artists a unique opportunity to exhibit and sell their works of art. Exhibits may include a variety of mediums, including WHS Art Shows, Photography, Paintings, and Westfield Washington School Exhibits.

### Art Gallery Wall Location

The gallery spans several prominent locations within the new library. Main areas include:

- Large wall within the Rivet at the Library Cafe.
- Along the staircase toward the Atrium.
- Next to the elevator.

### Purpose

Art and culture are integral to life and foster personal and academic success. Art escapes reality, encourages community, enables self-expression, prompts contemplation, provides entertainment, and elicits strong reactions.

### Application Process

- **Submission Deadline:** October 1st each year.
- **Notification:** Artists will be notified of the committee's decision in early November.

- **Exhibit Assignment:** Accepted artists will be assigned their exhibit month and sent an information packet. Alternate artists may be placed on a waitlist.

## **Selection Criteria**

To be considered, interested artists may submit an application and will provide a portfolio of the pieces he/she wishes to exhibit. A committee will determine the pieces selected for the following year starting in January of the next year. The WWPL retains discretion in selecting artists and works based on quality and venue appropriateness. Various mediums will be represented annually, with certain months reserved for Westfield Washington School Corporation exhibits.

## **Guidelines for Participating Artists**

1. **Suitability:** Art must be suitable for public display and viewing by all ages. Works deemed overtly religious, political, or objectionable will be removed.
2. **Minimum Pieces:** 8-10 pieces must be displayed to ensure visual appeal.
3. **Exhibit Agreement:** Artists must sign an exhibit agreement.
4. **Installation and Removal:** Artists are responsible for hanging their work at the beginning of their assigned month and removing it at the end.
5. **Display Preparation:** All pieces must be matted, framed, or equipped to hang using Art Wall hooks.
6. **Inventory List:** Artists must provide a complete inventory list of exhibited items, with each piece labeled with its name and price.
7. **Artist Biography:** A brief biography for use on the Art Wall must be provided.
8. **Liability:** The WWPL assumes no responsibility for damage or loss caused by casualty, theft, or other causes.
9. **Eligibility:** Open to artists aged 18 and up and Westfield High School students.
10. **Partnership:** If a piece of art is sold while at the library, the artist can give a percentage back to the Westfield Library Foundation.

This policy ensures the Art Gallery Wall at WWPL enhances community engagement and provides a professional platform for local artists to showcase their talents.