



Kansas City, Kansas Public Library Gallery FAQs

Purpose:

Gallery space is maintained at each library location for art exhibits by local, regional, and national artists and exhibitors. The galleries present exhibits that would not otherwise be available to patrons of the Library.

How does an artist have his or her work put on display in the galleries?

Individual artists may apply to exhibit their work at the Library or they may be approached by the Arts and Communication Librarian after their work has been reviewed at a show or gallery. Artists must complete the gallery application and submit slides, photographs, or email digital images of their work. Artists and groups may be invited to exhibit their work at the Library after their work has been evaluated. The Library does not pay artists to exhibit their work.

How is an artist's work evaluated?

Selection criteria for art exhibits follow the standards set in the library's collection development policy. Artists must submit slides, photographs, color copies, prints, or digital images for review. Artists are scheduled after review of their current work. Artists must submit examples that are representative of the artwork they plan to display. Only artwork conforming in style and content to submitted artwork will be displayed. Please note that only nature-themed artwork is accepted at the Mr. & Mrs. F. L. Schlagle Library.

What happens if there are complaints about the artwork?

Patrons may challenge art just as they would challenge any other material available in the library. Policy for challenges is explained in the Kansas City, Kansas Public Library collection development policy. Patrons may fill out the Request for Reconsideration of Materials form if they have objections to an exhibit.

Does the artist have any responsibilities to the library?

Prior to exhibiting, artists must sign the artwork release form. At the time of exhibition, artists must provide a list of titles of artwork, including descriptions, media, and price. Artwork must be ready for exhibition with two-dimensional work having proper matting, framing and wire for hanging. Three-dimensional work should be ready for the display cases and all work must be tagged on the back with the artist's name and title of the work. Any work not conforming to these standards will not be exhibited. The Library cannot be held responsible for artwork that is not picked up by the designated date after exhibition. Artists must present either the artwork release form or some form of identification before the library will release any art.

What are the library's responsibilities?

The Library coordinates display and promotion for all exhibits including calendar listings, social media posts, and promotion on the library website. The Library provides wall labels for artwork. The Library will help install the artwork.

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