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Call for Artist/Designer/Muralist Kenmore Branch Library Public Art Project

Arts Services Inc. of Western New York (ASI), on behalf of Assemblymember Bill Conrad's Office, invites artists from throughout Western New York to submit proposals for an outdoor public art project.

This call is limited to artists living within the 5 counties of Western New York, including Erie, Niagara, Allegany, Cattaraugus, and Chautauqua. Preference will be given to Town of Tonawanda residents.

Project Background and Goals

The Kenmore Public Library, located at 160 Delaware Road in the vibrant Village of Kenmore, NY, serves as a community hub for information and activities. The library serves the Town of Tonawanda population of approximately 72,600, as well as Erie County. The library welcomes over 137,500 visitors, and circulates over 388,000 items each year.

Libraries are open to everyone, making them an ideal location for accessible, free art. This project aims to create a vibrant mural themed around books, stories, and knowledge and transform the exterior of the Kenmore library into an artistic landmark that celebrates literature, learning, and inclusivity. The mural will serve as a visual storytelling piece, promoting reading and strengthening the library's role as a community hub. A library mural creates a reason for people to stop, look, and engage, whether they are library patrons or passersby.

The chosen work should:

ASI is seeking artists to submit proposals for an outdoor mural which is themed around books, stories, and knowledge. Measurements are for estimating purposes and are not exact.

- 6 Masonry facades adjacent to windows measuring 6' wide and 12' Tall (Photo B)
- 6 Windows measuring 2' wide by 11' Tall (**NOTE: Artist is not responsible for the windows, however the Library will be installing window wraps depicting book spines at a later date, and this should be kept in mind with the artist's proposed design**)
- North east inverted corner of building masonry facade 7' wide by 22' high and 13' wide by 22' tall (Photo A)

The proposed design should include:

- A general depiction of books (be mindful of any copyrighted names and images);



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- An open book/open pages with images coming out from the book that engage the viewer (see the North east inverted corner of building masonry facade in the photos below, Photo A);
- Inspiring phrases related to libraries, knowledge, and/or books (again, being mindful of any copyrighted phrases), examples could include (but are not limited to) - "Open books, open minds...", possibilities, etc.; and
- Have an expected lifespan of 3-5 years

Budget

A commission of up to \$22,500 is available for the chosen artist to create and install their work. The Kenmore Branch Library will be able to provide storage and water access for the artist(s); in addition to a lift and primer for the installation of work. Artists are required to provide all other supplies and materials to complete the work. **Please include any and all requests in the artist proposal. Artists should detail what assistance or materials are provided by his/her/themself and what may be required by The Library in their proposal (if applicable).**

Timeline

Deadline to Submit: By Thursday April 9, 2025 at 5pm

April 2025: Selection & Notification of Artist

April/May 2025: Public Announcement of Selection

Spring/Summer 2025: Project Implementation & Planning Meetings; completed and installed work (weather permitting)

The timeline will adhere to what the Town/Village can provide to artist for building prep.

Proposals should include:

- A description of the work including materials and dimensions;
- Sketches of the work;
- A budget including artist fees, supplies and materials, and any other costs associated to create the work;
- Links to examples of past work; and
- Contact information (including email, phone, and address).

Proposals should be sent electronically (**in one PDF document**) to info@asiwny.org with the subject line 'Kenmore Library Proposal', as can questions. If you would like more information on the space, please contact Mary Muscarella from The Kenmore Branch Library at muscarellam@buffalolib.org. This is a public space and can be viewed at any time by artists.



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Proposals are due no later than 5 pm on Thursday, April 9, 2025.

A panel of qualified arts and business professionals (including community members and those associated with the Kenmore Branch Library) will review proposals for their eligibility and appropriateness for the project.

See next page for photos of the site of installation



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Photo A





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Photo B

