

**Call for Art Exhibits – September 2017 - August 2018**

Dear Artist/ Exhibitor:

We welcome your interest in our exhibition program. The library is holding a competition to select month long exhibits for the calendar year from September 2017 to August 2018. The submission deadline for this competition is **Wednesday,** **May 31st at 5:00 pm**.

Applications can be submitted in person at the library during business hours or emailed to[**libraryartsspl@gmail.com**](mailto:libraryartsspl@gmail.com). Emailed applications should include the artists name on all files. Additional copies of the application can be found at **www.southshorepubliclibraries.ca/events-programs/art-exhibits/**

Attached you will find the exhibition guidelines and an application form. Candidates are encouraged to visit the library to see the exhibition space before submitting an application. There will be an information session **Thursday, April 13th at 7pm**. Artists interested in attending his session should register by calling (902) 543-9222.

If you have questions after reviewing the application please contact Katherine Sharp at (902) 543-9222 or at ksharp@southshorepubliclibraries.ca.

Thank you for sharing your talents with the community and promoting local art at the South Shore Public Libraries.

Sincerely,

Katherine Sharp

Branch Manager

Margaret Hennigar Public Library

**Exhibition Guidelines**

**South Shore Public Libraries**  
135 North Park Street, Bridgewater, NS  B4V 9B3   
1-877-455-2548 (toll-free)   
1-902-543-2548

**Mandate**

The South Shore Public Libraries promote arts awareness and education through its Arts Exhibit Program. Exhibits are for one month starting on the first of each month. Artists are encouraged to organize an event that helps members of the community learn about and engage in the arts.

**How to Apply**

Interested artists may submit a proposal for an exhibit to the Art Committee for consideration. The submission must include:

* A completed application form
* A CV for all artists in the show or an organizational mandate
* 5-8 samples of work (digital files should be in jpeg format, 300 dpi, min 1500 by 2100 px), hard copy samples should be a minimum of 5x7 in size
* Electronic files too large to be emailed can be transferred by using the free transfer utility at **wetransfer.com**
* A description of the proposed talk, workshop, event or program to accompany the show (see attached form)

**Selection Criteria**

Final selection of exhibitions rests with the CEO/Chief Librarian in consultation with the Exhibition Selection Committee. Applicants must have a selection of works sufficient to fill the available space at the library.

Proposed exhibits must satisfy the following criteria:

* Applicants must be a resident or an non-profit organization in Queens or Lunenburg County
* The work in the exhibition must suit the library’s display capabilities (please inquire if you have questions about this aspect of your application)
* The work in the exhibition must be suitable for a mixed audience of all ages

Applications meeting these criteria will be evaluated on the following aspects:

* Presentation of the application
* Artistic merit including – originality, craftsmanship and visual impact
* Supplementary material including artist talk, workshop or other programming

**Acceptance**

* Successful applicants will be contacted by CEO/Chief Librarian (or designee)
* Upon the applicants agreement to policy and guidelines, an exhibition date will be established and a contract will be signed by both parties
* The Library assumes no responsibility for the preservation or protection or work displayed

and no liability for damage or theft of any item exhibited

* Artists are encouraged to arrange their own insurance

**Please note: Material submitted for review will not be returned**.



**Exhibitor Application**

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| Artist’s/Organization Name(s): | | | |
| Are you or do you represent one of the following: | | | |
| People with physical or cognitive disabilities | | Visible or cultural minority | |
| Address: | | | |
| Phone Number: | | Email: | |
| Website: | | | |
| Have you exhibited your work before? | | If yes, please detail exhibits in attached CV | |
| Have you exhibited at the library before? | | If yes, when | |
| **Proposed month of display** | | | |
| Choice 1: | Choice 2: | | Any month |
| Medium: | | Number of pieces: | |
| Exhibit Title/Theme (a title and brief statement about the exhibit, 10-15 words): | | | |
| Exhibit Description (1-2 paragraphs that are “advertisement ready” max 100 words) | | | |
| Publicity efforts planned: | | | |

Please attach

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**Forward to South Shore Regional Library Art Committee at the address above or to** [**libraryartsspl@gmail.com**](mailto:libraryartsspl@gmail.com)



**Artist Talk, Event, Workshop or Program Outline**

**To be completed for initial application**

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| **Name of Event:** | | |
| **Presenters:** | | |
| **Description (1-2 paragraphs max 100 words):** | | |
| **Appropriate Age Category(s):**  **❐** 5-10 year olds | **❐** 10-16 years | ❐ Adult |

**To be completed once application has been approved:**

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| **Location of event:** | |
| **Date:** | **Start/end time:** |

**Please attach:**

* Photograph of the presenters (for publicity purposes)
* Demonstration photographs where available