

Open Call to Local Artists: Exhibit at the Harold Washington Library Center



October 2024

The Music, Arts, Social Science and History Department, located in the Harold Washington Library Center, is looking to schedule exhibits on the 8th floor beginning April 2025 through March 2026. Artists working in any visual media are encouraged to apply.

Selected artists will have an eleven-week exhibition in the 8th floor exhibit cases.

As part of each exhibit, we request artists be willing to teach at least one tactile art or craft class to adult library patrons. Previous workshops have included drawing, printmaking, watercolor, illustration, book making, collage and knitting, among other topics. Workshops generally run 90-120 minutes with up to 15 adults. A small honorarium will be offered plus the cost of materials covered.

Exhibit Case Dimensions

8th Floor Exhibit Cases

- North wall exhibit case: 246.5" long x 91" tall x 42.75" deep
- South wall exhibit case: 246.5" long x 91" tall x 42.75" deep
- North upright exhibit case: (inside dimensions 57" wide by 62" tall by 17.25" deep)
- South upright exhibit case: (inside dimensions 57" wide by 62" tall by 17.25" deep)
- Two wooden flat cases: 26" wide by 54" long by 11" deep

Eligibility

Visual artists who live in Chicagoland (city and suburbs).

Application Information

Please include the following with your completed application form (all in one email document if possible):

1. Up to 20 images of previous work (in JPEG format (.jpg) saved in “high” or “fine” quality (150 dpi minimum))
2. The following information can be attached as a PDF file
Include a list of the image files in chronological order with the following information:
 - Title (and file name)
 - Date of completion
 - Medium
 - Dimensions
 - Location (if applicable)
3. A current resume or CV
4. An artist statement
5. A brief description of the proposed exhibit
6. A brief description of the proposed workshop
7. Complete the contact information sheet.

Submission

- Email entries to art@chipublic.org.
- Deadline is 5 p.m., December 15, 2024
- Decisions will be announced by January 15, 2025

Entries will be kept by Chicago Public Library and may be placed in the Chicago Artist Files.

Chicago Artist Files

The Chicago Artist Files includes information on thousands of fine and commercial artists in all visual media, street artists, designers, architects, craftspeople, landscape architects, performance artists, photographers, collectors, curators, critics, gallery directors, galleries and art organizations, from late 19th through 21st century Chicago.

These files are available for public research in the Chicago Public Library’s, Harold Washington Library Center on the 8th floor. For more information about the Chicago Artist Files, contact us at art@chipublic.org.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Legal name of individual artist (last, first): _____

Preferred name: _____

Preferred pronouns: _____

Street address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Primary phone _____ Secondary phone: _____

Website: _____

E-mail: _____

CATEGORY (Please check all disciplines that apply)

_____ Sculpture

_____ Painting

_____ Video

_____ Textiles

_____ Photography

_____ Murals

_____ Glassworks

_____ Multimedia

_____ Mosaics

_____ Constructions

_____ Ceramics

_____ Works on Paper

_____ Installation

DATA COLLECTION

Chicago Public Library is committed to working with artists who represent a broad range of cultural backgrounds. We do not discriminate on the basis of race, gender, ability or religion.

Gender (select all that apply):

Cultural Identity (select all that apply):

Man

Native American

Woman

Asian / Pacific Islander

Nonbinary

African American

Transgender

Hispanic

I prefer not to answer

Caucasian (white / non-Hispanic)

Other, please specify _____

I prefer not to answer

Date of Birth: _____

_____ I am interested in exhibiting at the Harold Washington Library Center and would like to be added to the Library's contact list for future open calls and curated exhibits.