

WAUKESHA PUBLIC LIBRARY

POLICY: PUBLIC ART

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The Board of Trustees of Waukesha Public Library maintains a permanent collection of art for the following purposes:

- To complement the Library's print and non-print collections
- To enhance the library experience and building
- To allow citizens increased access to the work of local and Wisconsin artists

A Public Art Committee has been established by the Board. They are charged with overseeing all aspects of the collection, and their recommendations are subject to final approval by the Library Board. Members of the Committee, appointed by the President of the Board, may include representation from the Board, Library staff, the Friends of Waukesha Public Library, and the art community, as well as citizens interested in the Library's art collection.

Works of art in the collection are generally commissioned or purchased, but may be donated to the Library. Private funding is used for those works of art that are commissioned or purchased. Regardless of source, all works of art are reviewed by the Committee according to the same criteria.

These criteria shall include:

1. Art works will represent a broad spectrum of artistic expression. Preference for artists living or working in Waukesha County and Wisconsin will be given when considering purchases and receipt of donations.
2. All artwork must be of sufficiently high artistic merit to warrant inclusion in the collection. This usually requires that the artworks be unique pieces created by artists of established reputation or recognized potential.
3. Art works should be compatible with the character of the Library and appropriate to a City Library setting.
4. Art works should support a unified vision for the Library's public art collection.
5. Art works should not detract from or conflict with the public art collection installed by the City's Public Art Program.
6. Art works must be durable, sound, non-hazardous and maintainable in terms of the nature of the materials.
7. Artists must be 18 years or older.

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Artwork that no longer has a relevant place in the Public Art collection will be decommissioned and disposed of in accordance with either standard library procedure or special prior agreements with the donor or artist.

All monies contributed or accumulated for art acquisition and exhibition will be recommended by the Library Director and approved by the Board of Trustees, in accordance with City of Waukesha financial procedures.

Nothing precludes the right of the Library to arrange for temporary exhibits or displays.

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