



Call for Artists: Minerva Public Library Circulating Art Collection

Minerva Public Library (MPL) invites local and regional artists to submit original two-dimensional artworks for consideration in a new circulating art collection. The library will purchase selected works, professionally frame them, and make them available for checkout by library patrons, expanding access to original art in a rural community setting.

The Ohio Arts Council's ArtSTART program, the Carroll County Foundation, and the Minerva Community Charitable Fund support this project.

About the Project

The Minerva Public Library Circulating Art Collection is designed to allow community members to experience original visual art in their homes, much like borrowing a book. By offering original works by local artists, the library supports local creatives while strengthening community engagement with the arts.

Eligibility

- Artists must be **18 years of age or older**.
 - Artists must reside in **Stark, Carroll, or Columbiana Counties**
 - All submissions must be **original, two-dimensional artwork** created by the submitting artist.
 - Artwork must be **appropriate for viewing** by audiences of all ages.
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Artwork Guidelines

- Accepted media include painting, drawing, printmaking, photography, and mixed media.
 - Final artwork size must be **11" x 14"**, unframed and flat.
 - The artwork must be suitable for framing with a plexiglass cover.
 - Artists may submit **up to two artworks** for consideration.
 - The artwork submitted for review must be the same artwork delivered if selected; substitutions will not be permitted.
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Artist Compensation

- Selected artists will receive a **\$300 purchase fee per artwork**.
 - Purchased artworks will become part of the Minerva Public Library's circulating collection.
 - Payment will be issued after artwork delivery and completion of a purchase agreement.
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Selection Process

Artworks will be selected through an open call and review process. Submissions will be evaluated by a small selection panel that may include library staff and community representatives. Selection will be based on artistic quality, suitability for public circulation, and the goal of creating a diverse and engaging collection.

Framing & Circulation

- All selected artworks will be professionally matted and framed by Minerva Public Library using standardized frames and plexiglass.
 - Artworks will be displayed in the library when not in circulation.
 - Patrons will be able to check out artworks for a defined loan period using a Minerva Public Library card.
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Important Dates

- **Call for Artists Opens:** November 1, 2026
 - **Submission Deadline:** January 1, 2027
 - **Artist Notification:** January 31, 2027
 - **Artwork Drop-Off:** February 15, 2027
 - **Public Opening Event:** TBD
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How to Apply

Artists should submit the following materials by email to art@minervalibrary.info:

1. Up to **two high-resolution images** of the submitted artwork(s)
 2. A brief **artist statement** (maximum 350 words)
 3. A short **artist bio** (maximum 350 words)
 4. Contact Information:
 - Name
 - Address
 - Email
 - Phone Number
 - Home County
 - Birthdate
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Use of Images

By submitting artwork, artists grant Minerva Public Library permission to reproduce images of selected works for promotional purposes related to the library and the circulating art collection, including print, web, and social media.

Contact Information

For questions about the project or application process, please contact:

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Minerva Public Library is committed to accessibility, inclusion, and supporting artists from diverse backgrounds. We encourage artists of all experience levels to apply.
