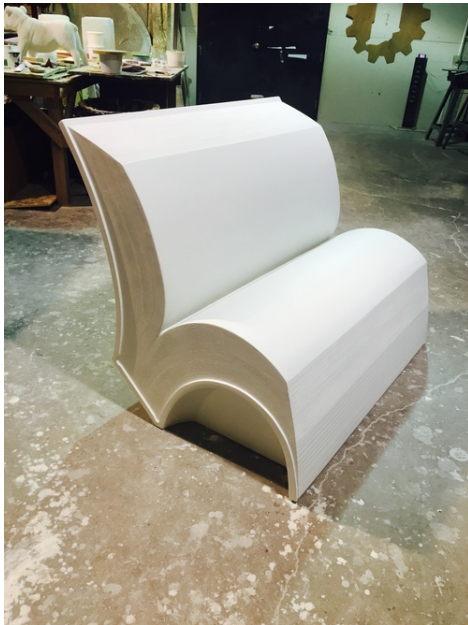


KCPL Book Bench Artist Application

DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT

Kenton County Public Library (KCPL) is seeking up to five (5) artists or artist teams to create a collaborative piece of public artwork that celebrates and encourages literacy in our community while bringing attention to the public resources the library has to offer.

Each artist or artist team will be painting a fiberglass bench that is in the shape of an open book and weighs approximately 180lbs and measures 48"X38"X38". One bench will be assigned per artist/team. The artwork must be inspired by a book chosen from the provided book list; see ATTACHMENT A. The artwork must be an original interpretation and not directly from illustrations in the book or any book cover(s). All terms and conditions will be laid out in a contract to be signed by the artist upon selection of the artist.



<http://www.chicagofiberglassworks.com>

The final installation of the benches will be in highly visible areas in the community. The locations will be determined by the communities in which they are located, Kenton County Public Library and the City of Covington. The benches will stay in their chosen location for up to one year.

PROJECT SCHEDULE/TIMELINE

December 16, 2022	Application Released
January 25, 2023 at 11:59pm EST	Applications Due
January 30, 2023	Selection & Notification to Artists
February 1, 2023	Deadline for returned signed contracts & submission of final design sketch (if needed)
Week of February 6, 2023	Delivery or pick up benches at Kenton County Public Library: 502 Scott Street, Covington, KY 41011
March 6, 2023	Artist Progress Update Due - up to 3 photos showing the progress of the project
Week of March 27, 2023	Delivery or pick up benches at Kenton County Public Library: 502 Scott Street, Covington, KY 41011
April 3-14, 2023	Clear Coating of Benches
April 23-29, 2023	Unveiling Ceremony
May 2023	Installation of Benches

Note: The above schedule is subject to change at KCPL's discretion.

CRITERIA

Interested artists or artist teams should submit an application with a proposed sketch of the book chosen from the list of book titles included in **Attachment A**. Artwork must be appropriate for a public setting. The artist may submit up to three sketches based on different books. Each design should cover the entire bench, front, back and sides. An outline of the bench layout is provided in **Attachment B** and should be used when submitting the proposed concept sketch.

KCPL is seeking a variety of artistic styles and original ideas. Each bench should convey a positive and celebratory feel. The artwork should be vibrant and colorful, inviting visitors to interact with the art.

ELIGIBILITY

The application is open to artists/artist teams who live and work in the Greater Cincinnati region. Artists working in any media are encouraged to apply. It is preferred but not required that artists be able to transport the bench from and to the Kenton County Public Library and have a dedicated and appropriate space to work on this project according to the project schedule/timeline. KCPL will work with the selected artists to acquire an appropriate workspace and/or assist with transportation if needed.

Artist's Responsibilities

The selected artist(s) shall be responsible for the following:

- Arranging delivery or pick up of the bench from and returning to Kenton County Public Library located at 502 Scott Boulevard Covington, Kentucky 41011.
- If a design changes radically from the initial proposal, a new design specification must be submitted. If the design changes radically and no new specs are submitted, the artists will not receive the contract balance.
- Artists must be willing to meet all contractual obligations and adhere to the project timeline.

Adjustments to Design Concept

Any artist submitting proposals should be aware that KCPL reserves the right to require changes to the design to ensure appropriateness for all audiences.

SELECTION PROCESS

Representatives from the Kenton County Public Library will review the applications. If selected, artists will be notified via email on or before January 30, 2023, and have until February 1, 2023 to return the signed contract.

HOW TO APPLY

All applications must be submitted electronically via jotforms by January 25, 2023 at 11:59pm EST. Click the link to apply: [APPLICATION](#).

SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

A complete application must include:

1. CONTACT INFORMATION: including name, mailing address, phone, and email. Teams must identify one artist to be KCPL's primary contact for the team, as well as provide contact information for each artist on the team. If the artist has a suitable workspace/studio for the duration of this project, they must include this location's address in addition to their mailing address.

2. STATEMENT OF INTEREST AND PROPOSAL DESCRIPTION [500 words max] including why the artist/artist team is interested in submitting an application/proposal for the Community Book Bench project and any related experience.

3. PROPOSAL CONCEPT DRAWING(S): Artists may submit up to (3) three concepts of different books using the provided bench outline, see ATTACHEMENT B. All proposals must have the artist's name, title of the book, title of design, and a brief description of the design concept. This will be used during the review of the submission and if chosen, will be used in public relations/media announcements regarding the project.

4. PAST PROJECTS / MEDIA FILES: Submit images of completed artwork that provide the panel with a sense of the design aesthetic you would produce if chosen for this commission; teams are encouraged to include projects created by the team.

COMPENSATION

Each selected artist/artist team will receive a total of \$1500 for their services. Payment shall be made upon satisfactory completion and delivery of the benches as provided in the Schedule, see above.

CONTACT FOR QUESTIONS OR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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