ATTENTION STUDENT ARTISTS

This fall the Carmel Clay Public Library is accepting proposals for a public art mural to be installed in its new teen space at the renovated Main Library, which is slated to open in 2022. The mural will serve as the feature wall for the new teen area and will be a defining visual element of that space. Design proposals will be accepted from students in grades 9–12 who either live in Carmel, IN, or attend a high school in Carmel, IN. The library will be accepting submissions for consideration from September 1 through December 15, 2021, and one winning artist will be selected. Beginning in early 2022, the chosen artist will work with the library and the architectural firm RATIO to develop and scale their proposal to fit the requirements of the space. The completed mural will be a digitally printed wallcovering of the artist’s work. This is a rewarding opportunity for students interested in the process of creating a public art mural from its initial proposal to finished design. While we are looking for fantastic proposals, we are even more excited about the learning experience a student may gain through this opportunity.

THEME

The library will be seeking submissions that are creative, imaginative, and unlimited by traditional views of public libraries. We hope that this open-ended theme will result in a diverse range of submissions. Examples of possible themes may include:

- Nature/Organic Growth
- Lifelong Discovery
- Enriching Social and Cultural Experiences
- Adaptation and Openness to Change
- Unity, Equity, and Community
- Student Diversity
- Abstract/Colorful
- What Does Being a Teen Mean to You?
- Public Memory
- Local History
- Hobbies, Interests, and Skills of Teens

GUIDELINES

1. All proposals must be original works of art and could be fine art (such as drawing, painting, etc.) or produced digitally.

2. Submissions must adhere to the library’s Standards of Conduct, which are available to view at carmelclaylibrary.org/about.

3. Initial proposals should include a sampling or smaller scale version of what would be proposed as a finished design. This could include, but is not limited to, concept drawings or sketches that express a particular theme and artistic style.

4. Proposals must be submitted within the specified timeframe (September 1–December 15, 2021). We strongly encourage fine art proposals be photographed at the library’s Digital Media Lab with the assistance of staff. To schedule a time to have your work photographed, please call the Digital Media Lab at 317.810.1024. Digital or fine art proposals that are submitted with poor image resolution and/or image quality will not be accepted.

5. Artists should consider the future Young Adult Department’s color palette. It is our hope that the mural complements this finish palette, but
this is not completely necessary. Additionally, artists should consider how their proposals relate to the elevation and perimeters of the wall space. Sample images, color palette, and elevation can be found at tinyurl.com/26r89mrn. Note that the future digital wall covering will not cover windows or doors within the space.

6. Please submit your proposal as a JPEG file by emailing it as an attachment to youngadult@carmel.lib.in.us. Please include in your email message:
   • Full name
   • Current grade and high school
   • Contact information (phone number and email address)
   • Home address

REQUIREMENTS

Upon acceptance of his/her proposal, the chosen artist will agree to work with the library and the architectural firm RATIO towards the installation of the art mural. This will include developing the initial proposal into a finalized composition, working with the firm to scale the image, and making any necessary revisions to the composition as needed. The Young Adult Department will work with the student to help facilitate collaboration. The department will be flexible with the student’s schedule and other commitments.

STUDENT STIPEND

Upon completion of the requirements, the chosen artist will receive a $2,000 stipend for their work. This includes work developing the initial proposal and finalized composition, in addition to collaborating professionally with key stakeholders throughout the mural process.

Questions about the Teen Mural Contest may be directed to the Carmel Clay Public Library’s Young Adult Services Department at 317.814.3983 or youngadult@carmel.lib.in.us.
GLASS MOSIAC TILES

CHERRY WOOD TONES

SIMPLE TEXTURES

ACCENT COLORS
Feature Wall designed by you!