

## **Redfern Display Case Project**

The Cedar Falls Public Library seeks to commission a temporary, site-specific, one-of-a-kind installation designed by an individual artist or a team of artists/designers to serve as an inspirational focal point for the library's Redfern Display Case, located just inside the entrance to the library. The display period is approximately two years. Installations must be free from copyright-protected imagery.

A total of \$2500 has been budgeted for artist fees, fabrication, shipping/transportation, travel to Cedar Falls, and installation costs. The artwork is to be an indoor public work and is funded by the Friends of the Cedar Falls Public Library. The artwork must be completed and installed by the end of the first week of March 2024.

The proposed artwork can be created in any medium that will withstand the environment and lighting of the display case. Multiple object and environmental work is acceptable. Style may vary from literal to abstract. The artwork may or may not be functional and should not require maintenance. The size or scale of the artwork is limited to the size of the space. Artists are encouraged to view the display case in person during the library's open hours, listed on the library's webpage at <https://cedarfallslibrary.org/>.

### **Site**

The Redfern Display Case of the Cedar Falls Public Library, 524 Main Street, Cedar Falls, Iowa.

### **Content**

- The display in the case should be related to the mission of the Cedar Falls Public Library. That mission is:

**Cultivating enduring pathways to experiences that inspire, enrich, and captivate the imagination.**

We also believe in these values:

- Accessibility: Maintaining collections, services, and spaces that are available to all.
- Community: Building relationships to serve local needs and interests.
- Diversity & Inclusion: Respecting difference and welcoming all.
- Intellectual Freedom: Upholding personal rights to confidentiality and freely access information.
- Discovery, Education, & Learning: Enriching lives through the pursuit of knowledge.
- The display should be aesthetically pleasing.
- The display should be thought provoking.
- The artist retains ownership of materials, after the Library is finished with the display.
- The dimensions of the space are: ~12' wide, 47" high, 50 ½" deep on its narrow end, closest to the service desk, and 90" deep on the other end, closest to the atrium.

- The weight restrictions are: items hung from the grid on the ceiling of the display case may not weigh more than one pound.
- Photographs of the two most recent installations are included with this document.

### **Time Line**

January 5, 2024	Proposals due at the Library: in-hand date, not postmarked date
February 1, 2024	Winning proposal announced
End of first week of March 2024	Latest date for final installation

### **Submit**

1. Between 2-5 electronic photos of past work
2. A short typewritten proposal of approach or concept and a visual representation of the installation. Preliminary designs should be submitted with other materials by either email or snail mail. Materials submitted with a stamped, self-addressed envelope of sufficient size will be returned to artists immediately following announcement of the selection committee's decision.
3. Confirmation of receipt of materials will be via email, so your proposal must include your email address. If you do not receive a confirmation email within one week of the proposal deadline, your submission was not received.

### **Selection Process**

The selection and administration of this commission will be made by an Art Committee comprised of the Library Director, representatives of the Hearst Center for the Arts, and one or more members of the Library Board of Trustees. Formal presentations will include drawings and/or scale models to give an accurate representation of the proposed materials, scale, and structure of the intended art work. Models should be substantial enough to be placed on public view. Installations including book art must use the actual book rather than facsimiles. The Committee reserves the right to reject any or all parts of proposals. Upon selection, a contract will be negotiated between the artist and the Cedar Falls Public Library Board of Trustees.

### **For Additional Information Call, Write, or E-mail:**

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**Submit Proposals To:**

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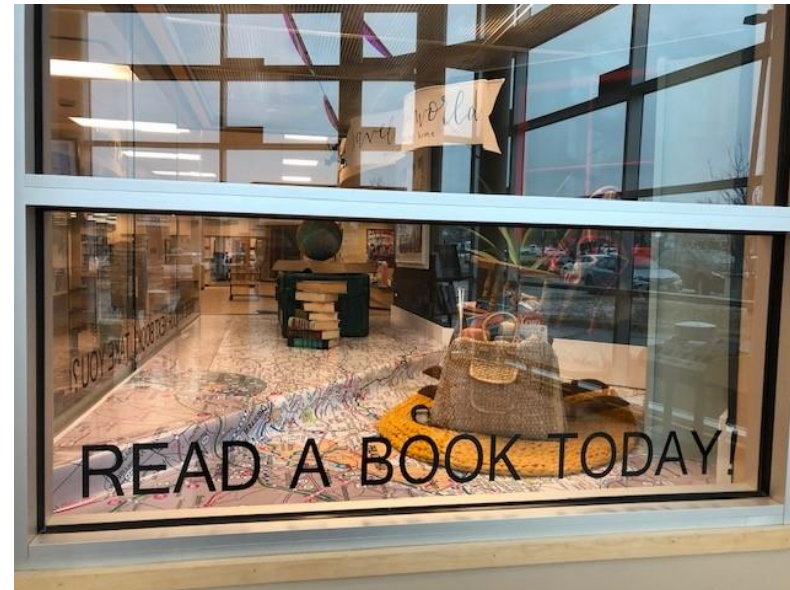
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Included in this packet are photos of the two most recent installations and the library's art policy.

Redfern Display Case 2019-2020





Redfern Display Case 2022-2023



## **Cedar Falls Public Library ART COLLECTION POLICY**

Works of art may be either purchased by or donated to the Library. Final responsibility for acceptance of a work of art resides with the Board of Library Trustees. The Library particularly collects art created by local artists, but may collect works outside that scope. The intent of this collection is to enhance the library's aesthetic environment.

Items given to the library will be presented to the Board of Trustees for final acceptance upon recommendation of the Art Committee. Items given to the Library for Board consideration which have not yet been accepted are not covered by the City's insurance policy and must be covered by the donor's personal insurance. If the Board decides not to accept an item, the owner will be notified as soon as possible and may reclaim the item within two weeks. After two weeks, the Library has the right to dispose of the work in the best interest of the library.

Items that are accepted by the Board are considered unconditional and outright gifts. These are to be displayed, accessed, housed, loaned, retained, reproduced, sold, donated to a public organization, or disposed in the best interest of the Library. Donors will be asked to read and sign a copy of the library's "Deed of Gift." Gifts to the Library may be deductible from taxable income in accordance with the provisions of the federal income tax rules, and in compliance with this law the appraisal is the responsibility of the donor.

Art created by library employees and their families will not be accepted for display or for the permanent collection. However, the Board reserves the right to commission or request works of art by any artist.

Works of art on display in the Library are not for sale.

The Board of Library Trustees will be responsible for any decisions regarding the removal of a work of art upon recommendation from the Art Committee. Any art withdrawn from the collection may be donated to an appropriate public organization or sold at public auction, or otherwise disposed of in the best interest of the Library. The proceeds from the sale of a work of art will go to the Cedar Falls Public Library's investment funds account and will be reserved to be used for future collection-related purposes such as to repair and/or conserve works in the collection or acquire additional works for the collection at the discretion of the Board of Library Trustees.

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