

COMMUNITY YOUTH ART EXHIBITION



The Hamilton-Wenham Public Library provides art exhibit space for local artists to display their works. During the period of November-December 2026, the Library will curate a youth art show featuring the works of artists under the age of 18!

General Guidelines:

- Children and teens under the age of 18 may submit work to be considered for the youth show.
- 25 pieces of artwork will be selected for display throughout the library. Due to limited space, your artwork is not accepted for the exhibition until Library staff have reviewed your application and confirmed acceptance. Acceptances will be sent via email by October 2, 2026.
- Youth artists from surrounding towns are welcome to apply, but those who live in Hamilton or Wenham will be given first priority.
- One submission per person, please.

Artwork Guidelines:

- Artwork must be available to display for the full period of November 2 – December 31, 2026.
- Accepted artwork must be dropped off at the Library Monday, October 26- Saturday, October 31 during normal business hours.
- All works must be framed and fitted with screw eyes and wire, or comparable hanging hardware. Canvases with appropriate hanging hardware also accepted. Artwork will be hung with care by library staff.
- Accepted art forms include paint, crayon, pencil, ink, collage, photography, or any other flat medium that may be safely hung.
- Artwork may not utilize video, music, noise, or freestanding objects such as easels or stands.
- All artwork must be original, previously unpublished, and free of copyright restrictions.
- Artwork created with the use of AI will not be accepted.
- All artwork must be free of vulgarity, and appropriate for viewing by general public of all ages.
- Artwork size should be a minimum of 8" on its shortest side and a maximum of 36" on its longest side. For instance, an 8"x10" photo frame or 24"x36" poster frame would be suitable. Any size that falls between these ranges is welcome.
- Each piece of art will be displayed with a small card indicating the name and age of the artist. Each artist is also invited to provide a two-sentence statement to accompany their art.
- After the exhibition, artwork must be picked up from the Library during the window of Monday, January 4 – Saturday, January 9, 2027. Artwork remaining after the pickup deadline may be disposed of at the Library's discretion.

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Youth Art Exhibit Application

Please provide contact information of parent/ guardian, but fill in all other fields with child's/teen's information.

Artist's First & Last Name: _____

Artist's Age: _____ **Town:** _____ **Phone:** _____

Email: _____

Artwork Title: _____

Medium (Crayon, Collage, etc.): _____

Approximate Size of Artwork: _____

Please share a 2-sentence statement about your artwork or what you enjoy about making art:

Waiver of Liability

As the parent or guardian of the child submitting artwork, I have read and will abide by the guidelines for exhibiting art at the Hamilton-Wenham Public Library. I acknowledge that participation in an unsupervised art exhibit carries risks, including but not limited to theft or damage to items exhibited. I acknowledge that the Library will make reasonable effort to keep my child's artwork safe, but is not responsible for any damage to the submission, or return of its components.

By entering, I give the Library permission to display, photograph, film, and share the submitted artwork in social media posts and advertising related to the exhibition and the Library's programs and services.

Parent /Guardian Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Please attach a photo of the artwork you are submitting, or email an image of your submission to Jessica at jfurtado@hwlibrary.org

Drop off your completed application at the Circulation Desk or email to jfurtado@hwlibrary.org