



Juried Art Exhibition Call for Entries

Celebrate the arts with the Coquitlam Public Library's Juried Art Exhibition! To apply, please review the Call for Entries below and then submit your application.

For any questions about the application process, please contact Shirley Chan at schan@coqlibrary.ca or Rosanne Hoekstra at rhoekstra@coqlibrary.ca.

Call for Entries

Artists based in the Tri-Cities, including Coquitlam, Port Moody, Port Coquitlam, and Belcarra, are invited to submit two-dimensional works in the mediums of paintings, drawings, photographs, collage, and prints.

There are two age categories: Youth (12 – 16) and Adult (17+).

Selected works will be displayed at the City Centre branch from Thursday, Sept. 26 to Wednesday, Nov. 6.

Theme

The theme is “Openness” and “Curiosity” – two of Coquitlam Public Library’s [essential values](#):

- **Openness:** To ideas, to differences, to possibility.
- **Curiosity:** We are always asking: What would happen? How could it be better? What if...?

Artists are invited to explore the spirit of curiosity and openness and show their interpretation of these themes in the works they submit to the Juried Art Exhibit.

Inclusion and Diversity Statement

We acknowledge with gratitude and respect that the name Coquitlam was derived from the *hən̓q̓əmi̓n̓əm* (HUN-kuh-MEE-num) word *kʷikʷəłəm* (kwee-KWET-lum) meaning “Red Fish Up the River”. The Coquitlam Public Library is honoured to be located on the *kʷikʷəłəm* traditional and ancestral lands, including those parts that were historically shared with the *q̓içəy̓* (kat-zee), and other Coast Salish Peoples.

We value the diversity that exists within our community and welcome applications from Indigenous artists, people of colour, LGBTQ2S+ individuals, people with disabilities, and individuals of all socioeconomic backgrounds. Works by Indigenous artists may be prioritized.



By providing a platform for the artistic expression of often marginalized communities, we can help break down barriers and promote inclusivity and diversity. Join us in our efforts to celebrate the artistic talent of all members of our community.

Rules for Entries

- Entries must be two-dimensional works - including, but not limited to, paintings, drawings, photographs, collages, and prints.
- Our display space allows us to accept works with the following dimensions:
 - 24 x 30 inches and less than 20 lbs (34 works total)
 - 36 x 36 inches and less than 20 lbs (12 works total)
- Entries must be original artwork created within the last four years (2020 – 2024)
- Works must be dry, framed, and/or otherwise ready to hang on a hook
- Artists may submit up to two works for consideration
- All accepted works must remain on display for the duration of the exhibit
- Artists must sign a Photo Release Form allowing Coquitlam Public Library to take and use photos of them and/or their artwork

Important Deadlines

Applications must be received in full by **Sunday, Jul. 7 at 9:00 pm.**

Successful applicants will be notified by **Monday, Sept. 16.**

Accepted works must be installed and ready to display by **Wednesday, Sept. 25 at 8:00 p.m.**

An opening reception will be held on **Saturday, Sept. 28.**

Works will be available for pick-up after the conclusion of the exhibit, beginning **Thursday, Nov. 7.** Library staff will coordinate individual pick-up times with each artist.

Display Period and Exhibition Installation

The Juried Art Exhibition will be held at Coquitlam Public Library's City Centre branch, 1169 Pinetree Way. The exhibition will be open to the public from Thursday, Sept. 26 until Wednesday, Nov. 6.

Successful artists must bring their accepted works to the Library for installation on one of the following dates:

- Tuesday, Sept. 24: 1:30 pm - 8:00 pm
- Wednesday, Sept. 25: 1:30 pm - 8:00 pm



Library staff will be on site to assist with installation. Panels, hooks, and all other equipment will be supplied by the Library.

How We Will Support Your Work

Selected works will be securely displayed throughout the City Centre branch of Coquitlam Public Library, giving artists a unique opportunity to showcase their work to the Tri-Cities community. In addition, we will recognize select works through:

- The People's Choice Awards (one work each from the Youth and the Adult category)
- Highlighting three to five works that stood out to the jury

Artists, visitors and the general public will have the opportunity to cast their votes for the People's Choice Award while the exhibit is open. Both the People's Choice Award winners and the works that stand out to the jury will be displayed at the Library for an extended period after the exhibit closes.

An opening reception will be held on Saturday, Sept. 28 at the City Centre branch. More information will be released on coqlibrary.ca.

Jurors

A panel of three jurors will review the applications for inclusion in the Juried Art Exhibition. The panel will include:

- One staff member from the Art Gallery at Evergreen
- One member of the Coquitlam Public Library Community Advisory Group
- One staff member from Place des Arts

Liability

While every precaution will be taken to protect the artwork, Coquitlam Public Library is not responsible for loss, theft, or damage of any kind. Submitting artwork to this exhibition implies agreement with these conditions.

Acknowledgement

Coquitlam Public Library is grateful for the valuable support of our community partner, Art Gallery at Evergreen, throughout this project.