

WBPL Art Exhibitions

If you are interested in showcasing your art or artifacts in Wasaga Beach Public Library, you are invited to fill out an **Art Exhibition Application**. Copies are available at the service desk, or can be accessed online.

Please return the Art Exhibit Application form to the library along with:

1. Photographs/images representative of the work to be exhibited emailed to ceo.wbpl@wasagabeach.com; alternatively, you may advise a web address where your work can be viewed online;
2. A list detailing dimensions and type of media for each image.
3. Brief curriculum vitae (CV) with respect to your artwork.

Your application will be reviewed and you will be informed either by email or phone whether you have been accepted for a show. If accepted, you will be notified of the dates of your exhibit, and the dates and times of hanging and takedown.

You will be required to sign our exhibition agreement, and payment must be made in advance to formalize your booking.

Display Space at the Library

Wasaga Beach Public Library has three art exhibition spaces in its facility at 544 River Road West.

1. Main Gallery

Located in the adult area of the library, the gallery encompasses three large white walls that can be viewed immediately upon entering the facility.

- The Space: approximately 240 square feet including:
 - Wall 1: 12 linear feet
 - Wall 2: 9 linear feet
 - Wall 3: 9 linear feet
- The gallery walls are equipped with a hanging system that can accommodate up to 80 pounds of weight per rod.
- Display Length: One Month (or more if the gallery is available)
- Cost: \$100.00 per month
- Promotion and Publicity: press release, promotions on social media, exposure on WBPL website: wasagabeachpubliclibrary.ca

2. Youth Gallery

Located in the Youth Zone of the library, the Teen Gallery wall is situated close to both the Youth Lounge and Youth Gaming niche. The gallery wall is adjacent to the entry to the Re/MAX by the Bay multi-purpose room. This gallery wall is specifically designated for showcasing the art of local youth.

- The Space: approximately 42 square feet
- Wall: 6 linear feet
- Display Length: Two Months (or more if the gallery is available)
- Cost: No charge for youth
- Promotion and Publicity: press release, promotions on social media, exposure on WBPL website– wasagabeachpubliclibrary.ca

3. Children's Gallery

Located in the Children's Zone of the library, the Children's Gallery wall can be viewed from both the children's area and the Wasaga Stars Arena lobby.

The Children's Gallery is specifically designated for showcasing the art of local young people.

- The Space: approximately 80 square feet
- Wall: 12 linear feet
- Display Length: Two Months (or more if the gallery is available)
- Cost: No charge for children and youth
- Promotion and Publicity: press release, promotions on social media, exposure on WBPL website – wasagabeachpubliclibrary.ca

4. Display Cabinets

WBPL has four glass display cabinets with built-in lighting. Two cabinets are positioned in the adult area of the library and two are in the youth area. Artisans can utilize the cabinets to showcase their work, and collectors are invited to display their pieces. Sculptures, artifacts, and mini collections will be accepted for exhibition on a case-by-case basis

- The Space: cabinets measure approximately 6 feet high x 3 feet wide x 1 foot deep with 5 shelves offering approximately 14 inches in height per shelf.
- Display Length: One Month (or longer if the cabinet is available)
- Cost: \$100 per month for items priced for sale, free for collection display
- Promotion and Publicity: press release, promotions on social media, exposure on WBPL website – wasagabeachpubliclibrary.ca

Preparing for Your Show

Artists are required to use WBPL's in-house hanging system. All art must be prepared to hang with wires or hooks attached to the back of the work. Nails cannot be used in any location in the library.

Out of respect for all artists who participate in WBPL's exhibit opportunities, hanging and takedown dates and times are carefully scheduled. Artists are required to adhere to the schedule as there is not suitable storage in the building.

One month prior to your show, WBPL will require a photo (.jpeg) of you as well as the artwork you wish to use with library promotions. The images should be sent via email to: communityrelations.wbpl@wasagabeach.com. Library staff may request additional information from you to prepare the press release and promotions.

Publicity

For exhibiting artists and collectors a press release will be sent to local media contacts to advertise your upcoming exhibit. An electronic promotion will be displayed in the library as well as posted on the WBPL website. Your exhibit will also be featured on the library's social media pages (Facebook, Instagram and X) prior to and during the show. WBPL is prepared to create short video promotions of participating artists to be used on social media. Artists will need to make themselves available for the video production.

WBPL is also able to offer special artist programming, which could include:

- Artist in Residence: the ability to set up an art space and create for an audience of library visitors
- Meet the Artist: the ability to talk about your inspiration, process, and body of work to a group

For more information, please contact Pam Pal, CEO, at 705-429-5481 ext 2404 or email ceo.wbpl@wasagabeach.com