

WBPL Art Exhibitions

If you are interested in showcasing your art or collection 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.

Art Exhibit Applications can be returned to the library, in person or via email to gallery.wbpl@wasagabeach.com, along with photographs/images representative of the work to be included in the exhibition. Your application will be reviewed, and you will be informed either by email or phone whether you have been accepted for a show.

You will be required to complete and sign our WBPL Artist 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 Main 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 Two Months (if available)
- Cost: \$100.00 per month
- Promotion and Publicity: press release, promotions on social media, exposure on WBPL website.

2. Youth Gallery

The Youth Gallery wall is in the Youth Zone of the library, near the booths, gaming area and entrance to the Re/MAX by the Bay multi-purpose room. This gallery wall is specifically designated for showcasing the art of local youth, including collections provided by local schools.

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

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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. This gallery is specifically designated for showcasing the art of local children and youth, including collections provided by local schools.

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

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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. 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: \$50 per cabinet per month for items priced for sale
 - Free for display-only collections
 - No charge for children and youth
- Promotion and Publicity: press release, promotions on social media, exposure on WBPL website

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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 large D-rings 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 limited storage in the building.

Prior to your show, the WBPL will require a photo (.jpeg) of you as well as the artwork you wish to use with library promotions sent via email to gallery.wbpl@wasagabeach.com. You will also be sent a copy of a WBPL Artist Exhibition Agreement that will require review and completion to ensure your work is properly insured during its exhibition. Library staff may request additional information from you to prepare the press release and promotions.

Promotion

Exhibiting artists and collectors will have the opportunity to participate in a video interview, with your exhibit, that will be shared on the library's social media pages (Facebook, Instagram and X). A news release for your exhibit will also be shared on the WBPL website. Artists can also discuss potential opportunities to host events or programming during their residency.

For more information, please contact the Public Services Coordinator at 705-429-5481 x2413 or email gallery.wbpl@wasagabeach.com.