Lincoln Township Public Library

Lincoln Township Public Library Artist-in-Residence Program

Artist Application

Thank you for your interest in becoming an Artist-in-Residence at the Lincoln Township Public Library. Our Artist-in-Residence Program celebrates creativity, lifelong learning, and community engagement by providing Pokégnek Bodéwadmik artists with the opportunity to create artwork in a public setting while sharing their knowledge and artistic process with library patrons. The AR program is made possible by Michigan Humanities.

Each selected artist will receive a **$1,250 residency stipend** for completing a **6-hour residency** during January 2027. Applications are due by Saturday, October 31, 2026.

Applicant Information

Name: _____

Business/Artist Name (if applicable): _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Website/Social Media: _____

Artistic Background

Primary Artistic Medium (check all that apply):

☐ Painting

☐ Drawing

☐ Ceramics

☐ Fiber Arts

☐ Photography

☐ Sculpture

☐ Printmaking

☐ Woodworking

☐ Jewelry

☐ Mixed Media

☐ Digital Art

☐ Other: _____

How many years have you been creating artwork?

Please provide a brief artist biography (250 words or less).

Artist Statement

Describe your artistic style, inspiration, and creative process.

Community Engagement

Have you previously taught workshops or demonstrated your art?

☐ Yes

☐ No

If yes, please describe.

What age groups are you comfortable teaching?

☐ Preschool

☐ Elementary

☐ Teens

☐ Adults

☐ Seniors

☐ Families

Residency Proposal

Please describe how you would spend your 15-hour residency.

Examples may include:

- Open studio sessions
- Community art projects
- Demonstrations
- Artist talks
- School visits
- Interactive displays
- Public workshops

Required Open Studio Session

Describe how you would engage patrons while creating your artwork.

Workshop Proposal

Title of Workshop:

Brief Description:

Approximate Length:

☐ 1 hour

☐ 2 hours

☐ 3 hours

Maximum Participants:

Recommended Age Group:

Supply Needs (the library will pay for these, but they need to be within our budget):

Cultural Connection

One goal of this residency is to expose our community to diverse artistic traditions and perspectives.

How does your artwork reflect your culture, heritage, community, or personal experiences?

Availability

Preferred Residency Week:

☐ First Week of January

☐ Third Week of January

☐ Either Week

Preferred residency schedule or hours:

Portfolio

Please submit the following with your application:

☐ Artist résumé (optional but encouraged)

☐ 5–10 images of your artwork

☐ Image list with titles, dates, medium, and dimensions

☐ Links to website or social media (if applicable)

References

Reference #1

Name: _____

Relationship: _____

Phone/Email: _____

Reference #2

Name: _____

Relationship: _____

Phone/Email: _____

Agreement

If selected, I understand that I will:

- Complete a 6-hour Artist-in-Residence experience.
- Conduct at least one public Open Studio session.
- Lead one public workshop or educational program.
- Participate in reasonable promotional activities.
- Allow the library to photograph the residency for promotional and grant reporting purposes.
- Retain ownership of artwork created during the residency unless otherwise agreed upon in writing or donated to the library.

Applicant Signature: _____

Date: _____

Application Evaluation Criteria

Applications will be reviewed based on:

- Artistic quality and originality
- Ability to engage the public
- Workshop proposal

- Educational value
- Community impact
- Representation of diverse artistic styles and cultural perspectives
- Feasibility of residency activities
- Locality: Berrien or Cass County Residence.

Selected artists will be contacted following the review process.

Please return this to:

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OR

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