Lincoln Township Public Library

Lincoln Township Public Library Artist-in-Residence Program

Program Overview

The Lincoln Township Public Library Artist-in-Residence Program celebrates creativity, culture, and community by inviting two Pokégnek Bodéwadmik artists to create and share their work with library patrons.

Each artist will complete a **residency during January 2027** (or a total of **6 residency hours** scheduled throughout the month) while engaging visitors in the artistic process and offering educational opportunities. Applications are due by **Saturday, October 31, 2026.**

Artists will receive a **$1,250 residency stipend for the 6 hours**.

Residency Goals

The Artist-in-Residence Program seeks to:

- Inspire creativity within the community.
- Increase appreciation for diverse artistic traditions and cultures.
- Provide opportunities for patrons to interact directly with working artists.
- Encourage lifelong learning through hands-on experiences.
- Create an engaging atmosphere within the library.

Residency Requirements

Each Artist-in-Residence will complete **2-3 hours**, including:

1. Open Studio Experience (Required)

Minimum 2 hours

The artist works on their art in a public area of the library while welcoming conversation from patrons.

During this time, artists are encouraged to discuss:

- Their artistic process
- Materials and techniques
- Their cultural background or artistic influences
- Career as an artist
- Inspiration behind their work

This informal interaction allows visitors to observe the creative process firsthand.

2. Public Workshop or Class (Required)

Minimum 3 hours

Each artist will teach at least two public program that may include:

- Hands-on art instruction
- Demonstrations
- Cultural art traditions
- Family workshop
- Teen or adult class
- Artist talk with Q&A

Programs should be appropriate for library audiences and accommodate various skill levels.

3. Flexible Residency Activities

The remaining residency hours may include activities such as:

- Creating artwork in the library
- Visiting with school groups
- Pop-up demonstrations
- Collaborative community art project
- Teen artist mentoring
- Family art activities
- Studio tours and conversations
- Participating in library events
- Preparing materials for workshops

Artists are encouraged to remain accessible to patrons throughout the residency whenever possible.

Artist Selection

Preference will be given to artists who:

- Demonstrate artistic excellence.
- Have experience working with the public.
- Represent a variety of artistic disciplines.
- Bring unique cultural perspectives or artistic traditions.
- Can effectively engage audiences of all ages.
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Examples include:

- Painters
- Potters
- Fiber artists
- Woodworkers
- Indigenous artists
- Printmakers
- Sculptors
- Mixed media artists
- Illustrators

- Mosaic artists
- Photographers

Residency Schedule

Two residencies will be offered during our Michigan Humanities Exhibition: *Anishinabek of Michigan* at the library.

- **Artist #1:** January 2027
- **Artist #2:** January 2027

Residencies will be flexible throughout January if needed.

Compensation

Each Artist-in-Residence will receive:

- **$1,250 residency stipend.** Half of the payment will be made at the start of the residency, with the remaining balance paid upon completion of the six hours.
- Dedicated workspace within the library
- Promotion through library marketing and social media
- Workshop registration managed by the library (if applicable)
- The library can provide supplies for the program, with a reasonable budget established in advance for materials and supplies.

Unless otherwise agreed upon in writing, all artwork created during the residency remains the property of the artist. The library would be honored to keep any donated art as well.

Program Deliverables

Each artist will:

- Complete 6 residency hours.
- Conduct one public open studio session.
- Lead one public workshop or educational program.
- Participate in library promotion and photography.
- Submit a brief summary of their residency and community engagement due by March 1, 2027.