

## **Library Recognition Award Nomination Form**

Please answer the following 3 questions using this form. Make your answers descriptive and concise. Sell your project or service! This written part of the application should be no more than 2 pages total. You may add up to 2 additional pages of support materials –photos, publicity materials, news stories, etc. The overall application package may not exceed 4 pages total.

I nominate the Gloversville Public Library for the MVLS Library Recognition Award.

Project Title: Local Inspirations – A View Through Local Eyes Art Show

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Submit nominations via email to [kinsero@mvls.info](mailto:kinsero@mvls.info) by Friday, March 20, 2020.

### **1. Describe what you did. Where and when did activities & services take place? Who were your partners?**

The Chamber of Commerce approached the library to organize an art show utilizing their space for display. Nicole Hauser took up the challenge. She started with scheduling dates for submitting art work, a meet the artists reception, actual show times and take down days. All while working around other events scheduled at the Chamber building.

The Gloversville library was undergoing renovations at the time, so this was ideal for us. The show ran from March 1, 2018 to April 20, 2018 and we offered a “meet the artists” event on March 14th with prizes given for “Best in Show” and “Community Favorite”.

In addition to lending the space for the show, the Fulton County Chamber of Commerce promoted the event through their channels. We advertised at the library, on social media and through the Leader Herald.

### **2. What community need did your project address? Why did you develop this activity or service?**

We wanted to show that the library is more than just books and that good things do happen here. The show also gave public exposure to local artists – amateur & professional – at no cost to them. Many items were sold through the show. All events were free, from entering art, to the reception, to viewing the show.

This was a great outreach effort for the library! Our promotional materials were available. Staff and volunteers were often there to guide and answer questions.

### **3. Describe how this project or service made a difference in your community using statistics, stories & photos. Who benefited and how did they benefit? Will you continue this activity or service? Why?**

We had 38 artists submit over 80 pieces of art for consideration in a variety of mediums. We then had to whittle the selection down to 64 because of space constraints. We initially allowed up to 3 submissions per artist then had to restrict it to 2 pieces each because of the overwhelming response. We had many library regulars submit work. We didn't turn anyone away.

Attendance was logged in at over 250 people in a wide range of ages for the entirety of the show and 70 people signed in for the reception. Several youth groups and families toured the show which was located in the center of town exposing them to the art world.

There are no immediate plans to produce another show, but with the newly renovated facility we might be able to hold future shows in this building. It was a good community building event that exposed people to something they would not normally be able to see.

Gloversville Public Library Presents:  
**LOCAL INSPIRATIONS:  
A VIEW THROUGH LOCAL EYES**



**Over 30 local artists in  
various mediums**

**EXHIBITION  
FROM  
3/1/18-  
4/20/18**

**WHEN & WHERE:**

Monday - Friday 8am-5pm  
Fulton Montgomery Regional  
Chamber of Commerce  
2 North Main St, Gloversville NY

**RECEPTION:**

Wednesday, March 14, 2018, 5-7pm  
Award at 6pm.

[gloversvillelibrary.org](http://gloversvillelibrary.org)  
Facebook  
518-725-2819

Meet the  
Artists



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**'Local Inspirations'  
art show slated**

GLOVERSVILLE — The Fulton-Montgomery Regional Chamber of Commerce Art Gallery, 2 N. Main St., is currently displaying "Local Inspirations," an art show hosted by the Gloversville Public Library. There will be a Meet the Artists reception from 5 to 7 p.m. today in the gallery. The show and reception are free of admission and open to the public.

The reception will feature refreshments and conversation with the show's featured artists who reside or work in the Fulton and Montgomery counties region. There are 35 artists featured in this show. RSVP for the art show reception is preferred; contact Terry Swierzowski at the Chamber at [terrys@fultonmontgomeryny.org](mailto:terrys@fultonmontgomeryny.org) or call (518) 725-0641.

The show will be on display through April 20, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. For more information, contact the chamber at (518) 725-0641 or the Gloversville Public Library at (518) 725-2819.

# Library puts out call for artists for event

By **KERRY MINOR**  
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GLOVERSVILLE — The Gloversville Public Library is putting out a call for artist for an upcoming event being held in conjunction with the Fulton Montgomery Regional Chamber of Commerce.

The "Local Inspirations: A View Through Local Eyes" exhibit will run from March 1 to April 20, but Head of Children's Services at the library Sally Fancher said submissions for the event will begin being accepted on Jan. 8 and close on Jan. 26. A "Meet the Artist" reception night will be held on March 14 from 5 to 7 p.m. with refreshments served.

Fancher said the visual artist submissions will be accepted in any medium.

Artist may submit up to three pieces each. There is no age restriction for this exhibit.

There will be no admission fee for this event. The art can be viewed during chamber hours during the exhibition.

The gallery show will be held at the Chamber of Commerce. The chamber has held a number of various gallery exhibits throughout the year.

Fancher said artist may put a price on the piece if they wish, and the chamber will help to facilitate the sale of the item.

Fancher said prizes will be given out as well. Best of show will get a \$100 chamber check, a \$25 Chamber Check will be given for the "People's Choice Winner." The awards will be given out during the March 14 reception. A selected jury will

choose the Best in Show winner.

"It doesn't have to be that theme. There is no entry fee. We want people to submit what they feel is their best work. It would be nice if people were inspired by the area, but it doesn't have to be. Or they can be local people inspired by France," Fancher said.

Fancher said the library wanted to give a venue to people who are maybe not trained as artist but have talent to show off to Fulton County.

"There are artist in the area that maybe go unrecognized," Fancher said.

Fancher said the library has never done something like this before, but is looking to do more with local artists.

"This is a connection we are trying to make stronger," Fancher said.

Fancher said the library started talk-

ing with the chamber last summer to see if they could work together on a project to promote both entities along with the downtown.

"Just to add to making downtown another place where people and go and see something new or find some entertainment or participate in the community," Fancher said.

Fancher said the library hopes to keep doing more things with agencies such as the Chamber of Commerce in the future.

"We are hoping this is the first of many things that we do in cooperation with downtown, the Chamber and the community," she said.

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