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**'Between the Lines' Juried Art Exhibition Celebrates Harford County Public Library's 80th Anniversary**



***The exhibition, a collaboration among Harford County Public Library, Harford County Cultural Arts Board and Havre de Grace Arts Collective, is on display November 24-January 4 at the Bel Air Library***

Harford County Public Library and Harford County Cultural Arts Board are partnering with the Havre de Grace Arts Collective on a juried art exhibition, “Between the Lines,” celebrating the Library’s 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary. The exhibition will be on display November 24-January 4 at the Bel Air Library, 100 East Pennsylvania Avenue.

“Between the Lines” showcases 20 pieces of artwork from seven artists: Rieko Chacey, Betty-Jean Fitzgerald, Cynthia Pfeffer-Koerber, Gay Lynn Price at Yia Yia’s Yarns, Kyna D. Shaw, Monica Youn and Eric Young. Together, these works explore the form, function and spirit of the book as both the medium and muse. The exhibition features pieces made from books, inspired by books and those celebrating books, across a range of artistic media.

The artwork for the exhibition was selected by two jurors from the Harford County Cultural Arts Board and three jurors from the Havre de Grace Arts Collective membership.

“Books are works of art in their own right, and inviting artists to draw inspiration from them is a creative way to help the Library celebrate its 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary,” said Mary Hastler, CEO of Harford County Public Library. “We are so appreciative of the Harford County Cultural Arts Board and the Havre de Grace Arts Collective for bringing this juried art exhibition to life, and we thank the artists for sharing their incredible talents with us.”

Haley Strong, executive director of the Havre de Grace Arts Collective, said, “As our world grows increasingly digital, we are seeing a resurgence in popularity of physical media, like books. This exhibition celebrates the relationship between books and visual art, both as inspiration and as a tangible, workable media.”

For more information about the exhibition, visit Harford County Public Library at <https://hcplonline.org/> or the Harford County Cultural Arts Board at <https://tockify.com/culturalartsboard/detail/4123/1763960400000>.

Founded in 1973, the Harford County Cultural Arts Board is the official county arts agency, serving as the primary local resource for arts organizations, independent artists and the audiences of Harford County. The government-appointed advisory board provides grant funding, sponsors workshops, events and promotional opportunities, and encourages, advocates for and invests in the advancement of the arts in Harford County. Since December 2015, Harford County Cultural Arts Board has operated under the auspices of the Harford County Public Library Board of Library Trustees.

Activities are made possible by a County Arts Development grant from the Maryland State Arts Council, a Maryland State agency under the authority of the Department of Commerce, Division of Tourism, Film and the Arts.

To learn more about the services and programs of Harford County Cultural Arts Board, or if you are interested in serving on the Cultural Arts Board, visit [www.CulturalArtsBoard.org](http://www.CulturalArtsBoard.org).

Harford County Public Library operates 11 branches located throughout Harford County offering access to ideas that inform, entertain and inspire. Last year the Library interacted with its residents more than 12 million times – borrowing free materials, visiting branches and the website, using free WiFi and attending classes and events. In 2024 Harford County Public Library received the Maryland Library Association Excellence in Marketing Award for graphic excellence for the second time. [For more information, visit HCPLonline.org](https://hcplonline.org).

## **Key Takeaways**

- Harford County Public Library presents an exhibition titled ‘Between the Lines’ from November 24 to January 4 at the Bel Air Library.
- The exhibition features 20 artworks by seven artists, celebrating the Library’s 80th anniversary through the theme of books.
- Jurors from the Harford County Cultural Arts Board and Havre de Grace Arts Collective selected the artwork, highlighting its connection to books.
- The exhibition aims to honor the resurgence of physical media in a digital world, linking visual art and literature.
- For additional details, visit the Harford County Public Library or the Harford County Cultural Arts Board websites.