



# NEWS RELEASE

1221-A Brass Mill Road 21017 • [culturalartsboard.org](http://culturalartsboard.org)  
Phone: 410-273-5600 • Fax: 410-273-5606

## *News Release*

**CONTACT:** Leslie Greenly Smith  
Marketing & Communications Director  
**PHONE:** 410-273-5707  
**EMAIL:** [smithl@hcplonline.org](mailto:smithl@hcplonline.org)

*For Immediate Release*

### **Harford County Cultural Arts Board and Harford County Public Library Announce Call for Art for ‘The Art of Healing’ Summer Exhibition**

*The exhibition, in partnership with Ashley Addiction Treatment and Harford Artists’ Association,  
is accepting submissions through May 17*

**Bel Air, Md., March 26, 2026** – Harford County Cultural Arts Board and Harford County Public Library are partnering with Ashley Addiction Treatment and Harford Artists’ Association on a community art exhibition, “*The Art of Healing*,” that will be on display in the Bel Air Library June 12-August 1.

A Call for Art takes place now through May 17 and is open to artists of all skill levels and experience.

Recovery is deeply personal, and creativity can be an important part of the healing journey. Visual and literary artists of all abilities are welcome to submit to this community exhibition. Submissions for “The Art of Healing” are encouraged from those whose art played a pivotal role in their healing and recovery process from addiction or whose work served as a creative outlet or support as a family member or friend navigated addiction and recovery.

Art may be visual, including any two-dimensional or three-dimensional media or literary art, including poetry and short narrative works such as flash fiction or short stories. All artwork must be original and may not represent any political, violent or illicit materials or imagery.

Artists could explore themes including (but not limited to) addiction, recovery, family, resilience, hope and community. To submit your work, visit <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeFbtlvZfv3yhEda71vzhoPUZqOHCXFCtqzgp2Yt-Mv5VfR0Q/viewform>. More information about the Call for Artists and exhibition may be found at <https://www.culturalartsboard.org/calls-for-art.html>.

“We are proud to partner with Ashley Addiction Treatment and the Harford Artists’ Association to bring this meaningful exhibition to our community,” said Mary Hastler, CEO of Harford County Public Library. “By showcasing healing and recovery through creative expression, we hope to encourage others on similar journeys and remind them that they are not alone, and that hope is always within reach.”

*continued*

**About Harford County Cultural Arts Board**

As the official county arts agency, Harford County Cultural Arts Board is the primary local resource for arts and cultural organizations, independent artists and the audiences of Harford County. The government-appointed advisory board provides grant funding, sponsors workshops, programs and events, and encourages, advocates for and invests in the advancement of the arts in Harford County. Since December 2015, the 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 Arts Board, visit [www.CulturalArtsBoard.org](http://www.CulturalArtsBoard.org).

**About Harford County Public Library**

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. [For more information, visit HCPLonline.org](http://HCPLonline.org).

***-END-***