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## **SEARCHING FOR ARTISTS FOR PEANUTS RE-IMAGINED**

Harford County Public Library is accepting art entries to be part of a late spring exhibition associated with Peanuts...Naturally

(Belcamp, Md., March 21, 2016) -- Harford County Public Library is looking for artists to participate in a new art exhibition titled, "Peanuts Re-Imagined," that will be on display from the opening of the new Havre de Grace Library in late May through July 27.

"Peanuts Re-Imagined" is part of "Peanuts...Naturally," an exhibition at the Bel Air and Abingdon libraries that takes a light-hearted look at Charles Schulz's exploration of the natural world through his Peanuts' comic strips, videos, objects and interactive stations.

Have you ever wondered what Charlie Brown would look like as a middle-aged man? Or what Pig Pen might look like had Charles Schulz been an Impressionist, instead of a cartoonist? Community members are encouraged to re-interpret the Peanuts gang and their world for this exhibition, to show what this iconic comic can inspire in local artists.

Professional and amateur artists are invited to submit two original works of art--in any medium--for consideration. To be considered for "Peanuts Re-Imagined," email a photograph of the artwork (no smaller than 400 x 400 px and no larger than 600 x 600 px) to Bethany Hacker at hacker@hcplonline.org by Friday, April 29.

The selection of the content for the exhibition will take place the first week of May. Artists selected to be included in the show will be notified through email, at the address provided upon submission. The artwork will be evaluated based on its suitability for the library; relation to the theme; and the practicalities of displaying it in the space available.

To assist community members in re-imagining their favorite Peanuts characters, the Joppa Library will hold "Peanuts in the Paint" on Saturday, April 16, from 10 a.m. to noon. This free, hands-on workshop will be led by local artist Nicki Jergensen, who will lead participants in realizing their vision of Charles Schulz's world. Supplies are included, and seating is limited. Registration should be made online at hcplonline.org. This workshop is made possible by support from the Maryland State Arts Council and Harford County Public Library through the Harford County Cultural Arts Board.

Harford County Public Library operates 11 branches located throughout Harford County. The library serves more than 181,000 registered borrowers of all ages and has an annual circulation of more than 3.8 million. Harford County Public Library is committed to connecting people with information and promoting the love of reading in the community. For more information, visit hcplonline.org.