

Juried Art Exhibition Call for Entries

Celebrate the arts with the Coquitlam Public Library's Juried Art Exhibition! To apply, please review the Call for Entries below and then submit your application online.

For any questions about the application process, please contact Shirley Chan at schan@coqlibrary.ca or Rosanne Hoekstra at rhoekstra@coqlibrary.ca.

Call for Entries

Artists based in the Tri-Cities, including Coquitlam, Port Moody, Port Coquitlam, and Belcarra, are invited to submit two-dimensional works in the mediums of paintings, drawings, photographs, collage, and prints.

There are two age categories: Youth (13 – 18) and Adult (19+).

Selected works will be displayed at the Poirier branch from Sunday, September 27 – Sunday, Nov. 22, 2026.

Theme

In Motion.

Thinking about this theme brings to mind the forces of nature, the bustle of the city, the energy of a sporting event, and how motion has shaped human history by the movement of people, ideas, and cultures across time and place.

How does your work explore the idea of being in motion? What do you think of when you hear the words 'In Motion'?

Inclusion and Diversity

We acknowledge with gratitude and respect that the name Coquitlam was derived from the *hən̓q̓əmin̓əm̓* (Hunquminum) word *kʷikʷəłəm* (Kwikwetlem) meaning “Red Fish Up the River”. The Coquitlam Public Library is honoured to be located on the *kʷikʷəłəm* traditional and ancestral lands, including those parts that were historically shared with the *q̓ícəy̓* (Katzie), and other Coast Salish Peoples.

We value the diversity that exists within our community and welcome applications from Indigenous artists, people of colour, LGBTQ2S+ individuals, people with disabilities, and individuals of all socioeconomic backgrounds. Works by Indigenous artists may be prioritized.

Rules for Entries

- Two-dimensional works only - including, but not limited to, paintings, drawings, photographs, collages, and prints.
- Must be original artwork created within the last two years (2024 – 2026), that have not been submitted to the Juried Art Exhibit before.
- AI-generated artworks will not be considered for the Exhibit.
- Works must be dry, securely wired, and framed.
 - Unless the work doesn't require a frame, e.g. works with finished-edge canvases or wood cradles.
- Works must be no larger than 24 inches wide x 30 inches high and less than 20 lbs.
 - A limited number of larger works may be accepted, depending on available display space.
- Artists may submit up to two works for consideration.
- All accepted works must remain on display for the duration of the exhibit.
- Artists must sign a Photo Release Form allowing Coquitlam Public Library to take and use photos of them and/or their artwork.

Important Deadlines

- **Exhibition Dates:** Sept. 27 – Nov. 22, 2026
- **Deadline for Submissions:** Sunday, May 31 at 11:59 pm.
- **Successful Artists Notified By:** Friday, Sept. 4. A list of successful artists will also be published on coqlibrary.ca.
- **Artwork Drop-Off:** Sept. 16, 17, 18, or 19, by appointment.
- **Opening Reception:** Oct. 2, 2026.
- **Artwork Pick-Up:** Beginning Wednesday, Nov. 25, by appointment.

Display Period and Exhibition Installation

The Juried Art Exhibition will be held at Coquitlam Public Library's Poirier branch, 575 Poirier Street.

Successful artists must bring their accepted works to the Library for installation on Sept. 16, 17, 18 or 19. Library staff will coordinate drop-off times with artists. Works should be securely wired or able to hang on a hook. Library staff will handle all aspects of the installation, with possible input from juror(s).

How We Will Support Your Work

Selected works will be securely displayed in the Poirier branch of Coquitlam Public Library, giving artists a unique opportunity to showcase their work to the Tri-Cities community. In addition, we will recognize artists by:

- Highlighting three to five works that stood out to the jury
- Providing certificates to artists in the Youth category

An opening reception will be held on October 2 at the Poirier branch. More information will be released on coqlibrary.ca.

Jurors

A panel of three jurors will review the applications for inclusion in the Juried Art Exhibition. The panel will include:

- One staff member from the Art Gallery at Evergreen
- One staff member from Place des Arts
- Third juror TBD

Liability

While every precaution will be taken to protect the artwork, Coquitlam Public Library is not responsible for loss, theft, or damage of any kind. Submitting artwork to this exhibition implies agreement with these conditions.

Acknowledgement

Coquitlam Public Library is grateful for the valuable support of our community partners, Art Gallery at Evergreen and Place des Arts.