

Call for Artists: Request for Qualifications

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Project Description: The Wichita Public Library Foundation requests assistance from a Wichita artist to help design the vehicle wrap for a new bookmobile! With grant money to experiment with taking the library anywhere, Wichita Public Library will renovate a small transit bus in time for summer activities. The artwork for this all-ages mobile vehicle will vibrantly represent the imagination and learning that happens from reading. It must be inclusive in its approach to ideas and people, showcase Wichita's diversity, and the design should stand out on the streets of Wichita, in the parks, and at community events. The selected artist will integrate multiple sponsor logos and the following language into the design: Connect. Discover. Learn. Thrive. Reading helps improve the health of all Kansans. The vehicle is 27 feet long, and 10 feet wide. Artists will be compensated and are asked to submit a project budget for this work.

Budget: Design fee is \$3,000 and includes artist fees, materials, and labor.

Eligibility: This project can be completed by all visual artists, illustrators, and graphic designers, either an individual or team, who resides in Wichita, KS. Additional eligibility requires the ability to create and submit high-quality digital files.

Submission Requirements: Share up to a total of 10 images of past work, a current resume, statement of interest to outline the concept, colors, and other details that helps illustrate the bookmobile art (no more than 200 words) to complete the described project artwork. All images must be in JPEG format (.jpg) and 1024 pixels (14,222 inches) on the longest side, formatted at 72 dpi. Each image filename must be named as follows: artist's last name, first initial, underscore, and the number corresponding to the number on the image list. No personal websites will be reviewed.

Deadline: Electronic submissions must be received by 11:59pm on April 13, 2023. Selections will be made by April 21, 2023. All creative work must be completed by May 22, 2023 so installation can be completed by May 31, 2023.

Submission Address: Email submission components to Kristi.oberg@wpl-foundation.org. No print submissions will be accepted.

Selection Process: A review committee comprised of representatives from the Wichita Public Library Foundation, Wichita Public Library, Wichita Public Library Board of Directors, The Kansas Heath Foundation, and City of Wichita Arts and Culture staff.

Selection Criteria: Overall design aesthetic that aligns with the project description; experience with scale of project; and statement of interest.

Project Timeline:

- Submission deadline: April 13, 2023, 11:59 p.m.
- Selection and contract: April 21, 2023
- Artwork files submitted for first review: May 8, 2023
- Artwork files submitted for final review: May 15, 2023
- Artwork files submitted: May 22, 2023