

“Librarian’s Shelf” by Jill Owens

Get in touch with your creative side at the library

Among the many things you can enjoy at the library, you’ll find you can also use the library to get in touch with your creative side as a borrower, as a participant, and as an information seeker. Do you ever get tired of looking at the same pictures on your home or workplace wall day after day? Have you recently moved and don’t have time to finish your new home quite yet? Would you like to try out some different styles before committing to one look? Come to the library and borrow some art. The Columbus Public Library owns 96 pictures which can be checked out for four weeks at a time.

Thanks to a donation from Tim and Peggy Engel in memory of Fritz and Janet Engel, the collection of art will soon be refreshed with even more variety.

You’ll be able to find something you like among these works. Some favorites are the impressionist flower and garden scenes. Other pictures include a painting of area grain elevators, and yet another is of a motorcycle. There are reproductions for people with tastes towards the pastoral, needlepoint cats, ocean scenes, fruit still life, and of course, landscapes. Others may enjoy some of the horse or western-themed pictures, or even the Mona Lisa. Whether your preference leans toward Noah’s Ark or stalks of grain, you’re bound to find something you’d like to take home.

The Library’s circulating art is located on the second floor in the east wing in the southeast corner. Come spend some pleasant time browsing. If you’d like to browse from home, go to the catalog on the library’s website (www.columbuslibrary.info) and select “power search.” Select “Columbus Public Library” in the “library” field, and then in the “type” field, choose “art prints.” The search result will be a comprehensive list of all our circulating art.

Another way to take home some art is to go to the lower level of the library and look at the art gallery’s gift shop selection of quality arts and crafts for sale.

Have you ever wanted to learn some step-by-step techniques for doing watercolors, oil painting, or other styles? The adult and children nonfiction collections offer many books about art, drawing, and artists. Our nonfiction collection also contains hundreds of books on home decorating, remodeling, and floor plans, as well as various arts and crafts. Our children’s librarian works with the art gallery staff to offer StoryART on alternating Thursdays.

Even if you don’t want to leave the building with something in hand, you can enjoy art displays that may not be for sale or loan both in the downstairs art gallery and the second floor room which displays art from Columbus Area Artists.

As you can see, there are many ways for patrons of all ages to bring out their artsy sides at the library.

The Columbus Library Foundation has recently received memorials for David Senften from Roberta Saalfeld, and Mr. and Mrs. Arden Saalfeld. Donations were given from Mary Sharpe and Mr. and Mrs. Julian Meyer in memory of Lois Loomis. Mr. and Mrs. Mike Oglevie and Beth Mueller gave memorials for Don Beerbohm. Burns and Lucille Ellison memorialized Elaine Harvey. Memorials for John Fairbairn were given by Mr. and Mrs. Dick Luebbe, Betty Greiner, and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Greiner. Memorials for Julia Cheloha were given by Larry and Carol Adams, Thomas and Karen Zimmerman, and Raymond and Virginia Staroscik.