

New Canaan Library

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***Art & Text* Exhibition Highlights the Role of Libraries in Bringing Art to the Community**

New Canaan, Conn., [August 1, 2019] —Art Spaces in Fairfield County Libraries, a consortium of 13 libraries that offer curated visual art exhibitions, is pleased to present “Art & Text,” a united exhibition featuring the work of local and regional artists. Each library within the consortium will highlight one or more artists, whose work reflects their unique perspectives on the exhibition’s theme. “Art & Text” runs from September 1 through December 31, 2019, with shows running from one week to 3 months, depending on a library’s individual calendar.

Through mixed media ranging from sculpture and painting to graphics, each library’s exhibition aims to promote awareness of visual arts in the libraries of Fairfield County, as well as foster a connection between the community it serves and the arts. The consortium’s initiative dates back to 2015, when a meeting between Cynthia Whalen from the Flinn Gallery in Greenwich, Mary Moross from New Canaan Library and Christine Timmons from The Westport Library sparked the idea of establishing a way for those who organize visual art exhibitions in their libraries to share experiences and find a way to promote the exhibitions. The group grew, branched out, and now proudly presents its first united exhibition, “Art & Text.”

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Libraries participating in the 2019 Art & Text show are: Bethel Library, Cyrenius H. Booth Library, Fairfield Public Library, Ferguson Library, New Canaan Library, Norwalk Public Library, Pequot Library, Plumb Memorial Library, Ridgefield Library, Stratford Library, The Westport Library, Weston Public Library, and Wilton Library.

About Art Spaces in Fairfield County

Art Spaces in Fairfield County Libraries is a consortium of 13 library gallery curators and personnel dedicated to supporting each other, and promoting public awareness of the visual arts in libraries of Fairfield County, Connecticut. The consortium enables members to share strategies, experiences, resources and logistic information to broaden the reach of each other's exhibits and help increase public awareness of our unique regional talent and art spaces.

New Canaan Library has been the community's intellectual and cultural center for more than a century. Today, the Library continues as a vibrant community resource for learning and innovation, offering an extraordinary print and electronic collection, dynamic programming, and up to the minute technology and maker spaces. Every day, upwards of 800 people come through the doors and thousands of visits are made to the web in search of knowledge, exploration and entertainment.

New Canaan Library looks confidently towards the future, embracing its vision of being the community's source for innovation and discovery.

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