



# NIAGARA FALLS PUBLIC LIBRARY

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## For Immediate Release

### **Bringing art and poetry together at the Niagara Falls Public Library**

*Poets and Painters exhibit runs until the end of May*

**Niagara Falls, Ont.** - After having to showcase virtually last year, the Poets and Painters exhibit is finally hanging on the walls at the Niagara Falls Public Library, just in time for National Poetry Month.

Each year, the Poets and Painters project brings together artists and poets in the area in a unique collaboration. The goal of this exhibit is for the writers to create a poem based on a painting and also for the painters to create an art piece based on a poem. To start the process for this exhibit, twenty-two individuals - 11 writers and 11 painters - exchanged names in two rounds in late 2020 and got to work.

“Inspiration, the fuel of creativity, comes from many sources,” says Janice Low, one of the artists participating in the exhibit. “The Niagara Poets and Painters draw inspiration from each other. The artists paint, based on the stories and poems and the writers compose from the artistic images. It is a unique challenge and a productive collaboration.”

“Getting together with visual artists is a way of understanding how a scene or setting moves through words,” says writer Keith Inman. “For poets, being inspired by another medium is such a great way to expand your knowledge of how images move through the eye and into the brain. I love the diversity that is produced by this process.”

The Library is a Community Hub and an exhibit like Poets and Painters is one of the many ways library users can engage, interact, and connect with each other. The Poets and Painters exhibit allows for residents and visitors to experience the Library in a new and exciting way.

“We’re so happy to have Poets and Painters physically back in the library this year,” says Library CEO Alicia Subnaik Kilgour. “Sharing the exhibit virtually last year allowed people to engage with the artwork and poetry when we couldn’t gather, but having it back in the Rosberg Gallery once again is exciting. We hope people visit the library soon to experience the exhibit as it is meant to be seen.”

The Rosberg Gallery is located at the Victoria Avenue Location of the Niagara Falls Public Library. The gallery is dedicated to the memory of Harold David Rosberg and Joseph Lyon Rosberg, businessmen from the City of Niagara Falls. It features monthly exhibitions of visual art from the Niagara Region, as well as special travelling exhibits.

The Poets and Painters exhibit will be in the Rosberg Gallery at the Victoria Avenue Library,

located at 4848 Victoria Avenue, from now until May 31st.

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**About the Niagara Falls Public Library:**

*The Niagara Falls Public Library is a free, inclusive community space open to all. Residents of the City of Niagara Falls are invited to register for a free library card to access all of our resources, both physical and digital. The Niagara Falls Public Library dates back to 1878, and today has four library locations serving the City of Niagara Falls - Victoria Avenue Library, Community Centre Library, Chippawa Library, NovelBranch library kiosk at the Gale Centre as well as the Stamford Centre Library which is currently closed for construction. Please visit our website at [my.nflibrary.ca](http://my.nflibrary.ca) for more information.*

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