

## **Call for Artists - Expression of Interest City Centre Library, Children's Area Mural**

**Submission Deadline: October 4, 2024**

**Artist Fee: \$4000**

**Concept proposal fee: \$500**

The City of Surrey is inviting proposals for murals in the City Centre Library. The City Centre Branch is a LEED-certified building with over 77,000 sq. ft. of space that serves City Centre and the Whalley community.

The murals will be installed in the Children's area, a multi-purpose space used for formal and informal story time, free play, and structured programming. It is a space where children gather, offering friendship, songs, dancing, puppets, play, and laughter. This is a space where children can come to enter another world through story. It is a place of learning, sharing, nurturing, and connecting.

This part of the library has a series of structural columns that will be encased in wood, which will act as a surface for painted murals. The artist will have the freedom to paint from floor to ceiling on all four-sides. Five columns in total will be painted. One artist each from Katzie, Kwantlen, and Semiahmoo First Nations will be commissioned, plus two artists from the urban Indigenous community living in Surrey.

**The artwork should speak to the importance of stories and storytelling.**

## How to Apply

- Interested artists from Katzie First Nation can express their interest via email to Cris Mora, Public Art Coordinator at [crisopher.mora@surrey.ca](mailto:crisopher.mora@surrey.ca).
- In the email, simply state that you are interested in participating in the project. No additional materials are needed at this time.
- **Please email Cris by October 4, 2024.**
- After receiving your email, Cris will give you a short project orientation and provide a template that can be used for drawing.
- Interested artists will be given a concept development fee of \$500 to prepare a concept sketch for presentation.
- Technical specifications can be found below.

## Project Timeline

| KEY DATES         |                                     |
|-------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Oct 4             | Expression of Interest Deadline     |
| Oct 28            | Submission of Concept Designs       |
| November          | Selection Panel                     |
| December          | Presentation to Approval Committees |
| Feb to March 2025 | Mural Painting                      |

## Selection Process

- The final artwork design will be selected according to the protocols of Katzie First Nation.
- The selected artwork will be presented to City Council for final approval.

## Compensation

- The award for the selected artwork is \$4,000
  - The City will ensure the wall is primed prior to painting and sealed after the mural is complete
  - Artists are responsible for providing paint, brushes and other necessary equipment (eg. drop clothes, ladder)
  - Materials used (eg. paint type) to be approved by the City

## Technical Considerations

- The column measures 300cm (h) x 60cm (w) x 60cm (d)
- The surface will be made of plywood and prepared with white primer.



## Site Notes

- The City Centre Branch is located at Surrey Civic Plaza.
- The Library is located near the Surrey Central Skytrain station, City Hall, KPU and SFU.
- The children's area is located on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor of the library.
- Surrey Libraries envisions a literate, inclusive and thriving city.
- Surrey Libraries mission is to connect people, spark curiosity and inspire learning.



