



Friends of the Norfolk Public Library
Seeking artists to paint
Little Free Libraries
Submission Deadline: June 15, 2018

CONTENT: Friends of the Norfolk Public Library (Friends) is an all volunteer organization working since 1956 to raise public and financial support for the Norfolk Public Library. Friends sponsors a citywide Book Review Contest, a Tales to Tails reading program and the Norfolk’s Summer Reading Program. The Little Free Library Project, begun in 2017, is designed to place book exchanges in neighborhoods to encourage the sharing of books. Each library has a steward who oversees the library on their property.

The goal of the Norfolk Little Free Library Project is to promote reading through book ownership by placing book exchanges across Norfolk. In 2018, we have placed 20 wooden libraries in 20 Norfolk neighborhoods. Recently, the Virginian Pilot has offered 15 metal newspaper dispensers to the Friends for refurbishment to be used as little free libraries. We are in search of artists to enhance the libraries prior to placement in cafes, laundromats or businesses. The metal newspaper dispensers will be sanded, primed and ready for decoration with literary or nature themes.

ELIGIBILITY: Open to all artists. Hampton Roads artists are especially encouraged to apply. Artists will be credited for their work.

SIZE/MEDIUM: Newspaper dispenser/library is 20” wide, 17 “deep and 36” tall with a coin dispenser on the top. Metal will be primed with Rustoleum Ultra Cover Gloss Sun Yellow. Interior or acrylic paint is appropriate as these libraries will be placed inside buildings or undercover. Two 1 1/2” x 8” engraved metal plaques to identify our organization will be attached by Friends after the library is painted.

PROJECT FUNDS: Friends of the Norfolk Public Library will provide dispensers primed and ready to paint and will install the project plaques. Friends will sponsor an exhibition and reception for the artists after August 20 in the Slover Library.

PROPOSAL MUST INCLUDE: - Artwork should not be political or sexual in nature. Please submit 4 – 10 images of your past artwork to friendsofnorfolklibrary@gmail.com. Label each artwork image with your name and phone number. Include an annotated image key with your name, address, telephone number and email address. Include artwork titles, medium and dimensions.

CALENDAR: This calendar is subject to change.

- Submissions Due: June 15, 2018
- Selections Announced: As applications are received
- Completion of Little Free Library: August 20, 2018

SELECTION CRITERIA AND AWARD CONSIDERATIONS: Selections will be awarded based on many factors such as the aesthetic value and creativity. The Friends will consider the values and general standards of decency of the citizens of Norfolk with an emphasis on literary and nature themes appropriate for the library users who are aged preschool to adult.

QUESTIONS: Please address questions and interest to Friends of Norfolk Public Library at friendsofnorfolklibrary@gmail.com.