

Request for proposal (RFP): Artist for Kalama Children's Library Mural

Issue Date: August 3, 2022

We're looking for an artist to paint a mural in the children's area inside the Kalama Public Library!

Overview

Kalama residents George and Janet Harris have donated an original, hand-painted wall mural in the children's area of the Kalama Public Library.

The mural project has been approved by the Kalama Public Library Board of Directors, and the City of Kalama.

The mural space consists of an interior wall of approximately 612 square feet inside the Kalama Public Library, located at 312 North First Street, Kalama, Washington.

The Kalama Public Library will retain all rights to the artwork that is created.

Artwork Theme

The donors have requested the following design elements be included in the mural.

- all children (focus on diversity)
- items that are specific to the Kalama community. Examples include recognizable Kalama landmarks, landscapes or places, or historical context
- small reference to children's author Lois Lenski. See Appendix B for details

The mural should be colorful, appealing, and inspirational to children.

The mural must be an original composition created by the selected artist and must not contain any copyrighted material.

Timeline

- **Request for Proposal Issued:** Wednesday, August 3, 2022
- **Deadline to Apply:** Monday, September 5, 2022
- **Selection of Artist:** Monday, September 26, 2022
- **Project Begins:** No later than Monday, October 3, 2022
- **Project Completion Date:** Friday, October 28, 2022

Project Details

- **Budget:** \$5,000, to be paid to the selected artist as follows:
 - **Installment #1:** \$1,000, upon official selection (to be used for supplies, as needed by artist)
 - **Installment #2:** \$4,000, upon completion of project

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- **Mural Area:** the mural wall consists of an interior, latex painted wall, approximately 6 feet tall and 12 feet wide (612 square feet.) There is a bookcase below the mural, and an exterior window within the mural space. See Appendix A for detailed measurements.
- **Timeline:** Upon notification of official selection, the artist shall have four weeks to complete the mural. Work will begin no later than Monday, October 3, 2022, and end no later than Friday, October 28, 2022.
- **Working Hours:** The artist will work on the mural during the library's regular open hours, Monday through Friday; 12 noon to 5 pm; and Saturday 9 am to 2 pm; excluding holidays.
- **Supplies:** The artist will provide all supplies needed to create the mural. The mural must be created with artist quality acrylic paints and varnished to protect the surface.
- **Oversight:** The Library Director and/or Library staff will be present in the library when the artist is working and will be available to address any questions the artist may have.

How to Apply

The Kalama Library Mural project welcomes anyone to apply. Any artist demonstrating the ability to execute a successful mural is encouraged to submit an application; however, artists who currently live in Kalama or have ties to Kalama will be given preferential treatment.

Submit an application by providing the following materials to the Kalama Library Mural Committee.

- Cover Letter addressed to the Kalama Library Mural Committee. Please explain how you are qualified to complete this project, any experience you have in creating signs, murals or other wall art, and any talents or special qualifications you believe are relevant. Please include the following:
 - A list of design elements to be included.
 - An explanation of why these design elements would be appealing to pre-school age children.
 - Examples of artwork you have created.
 - Your primary painting medium (oil, acrylic, watercolor, pastel, etc.).
 - Your primary artistic style (realistic, impressionistic, modern, etc.).
 - Up to three, scaled-to-size designs of your idea for the mural wall. The design may be on paper, board, or canvas, and may be done with any medium. Please reference Appendix A for mural wall measurements.
- Submit to: Kalama Public Library / Attention Library Mural Committee
 - In person during Library Hours at Kalama Public Library, 312 N. First St., Kalama, WA 98625.
 - By US mail at Kalama Public Library, PO Box 576, Kalama, WA 98625
 - Electronically via email to librarian@kalamalibrary.com. Text files must be in pdf format. Image documents must be in jpg format.

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The mural committee will review all applications and select one (possibly two) artists. Selected artist(s) will be notified by the Kalama Library Director. Artist(s) will be asked to attend a meeting of the mural committee to show their design, explain the design elements, how the design connects to the local community, and how it references children's author Lois Lenski. The committee will then make a final decision on the artist. The selected artist will be notified by the Kalama Library Director.

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Kalama Library Mural Committee has the right to accept or reject any or all designs.

Kalama Library Mural Committee Members

Elaine Bystrom, Kalama Library Director

George and Janet Harris, Donors

Ruthie Tippin, Kalama Library Board/Children's
Storytime volunteer

Pix Basso, Kalama Library Board

Diane DiLoreto, Community Member

Marie Wise, Artist Advisor

Kalama Public Library

312 North First Street, PO Box 576

Kalama, WA 98625.

Elaine Bystrom, Director

Hours: M-F 12-5 pm, Sat 9 am-2pm

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Kalama Public Library Mission

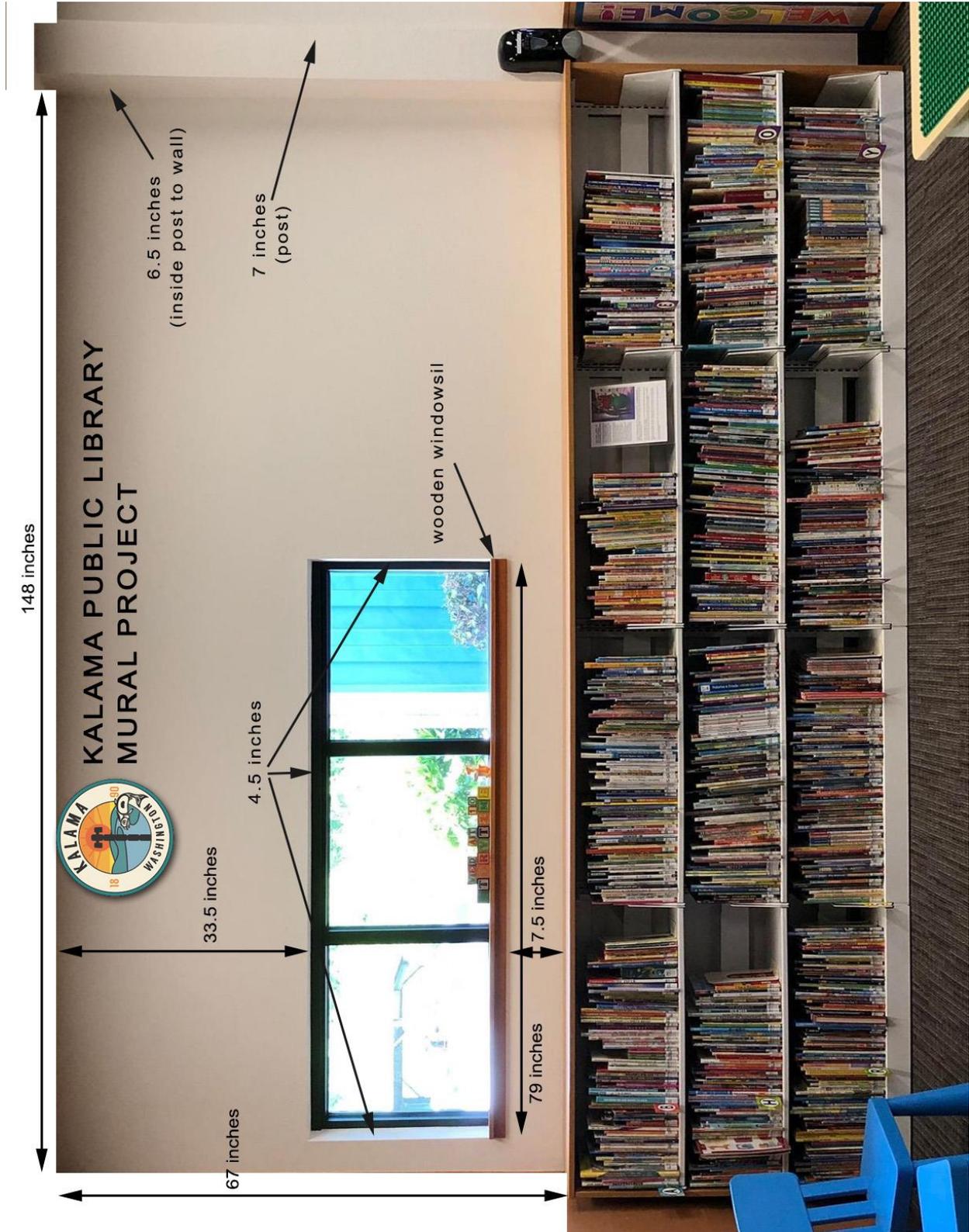
We serve the Kalama community by providing avenues through reading and other media to educate, enrich, and entertain.

Appendix A: mural wall measurements

Appendix B: about Lois Lenski

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Appendix A: Mural Wall Measurements



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Appendix B: About Lois Lenski

Lois Lenore Lenski Covey (October 14, 1893 – September 11, 1974) was a Newbery Medal-winning author and illustrator of picture books and children's literature.

Beginning with the release in 1927 of her first books, *Skipping Village* and *Jack Horner's Pie: A Book of Nursery Rhymes*, Lenski published 98 books, including several posthumous works. Her work includes children's picture books and illustrated chapter books, songbooks, poetry and short stories.

Lenski was interested in depicting American life specifically through the lens of a child.

George Harris was acquainted with Lois Lensky and was an admirer of her work.

Several of Lenski's picture books are available at the Kalama Public Library.

Learn more about Lois Lenski at

- https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lois_Lenski
- <https://www.loislenski Covey.org/lenski-biography-books/>
- <https://www.biblio.com/lois-lenski/author/36817>