

Job Title: Gallery Curator, Patrick Losinski Gallery (Supporting Art and Visual Literacy)

Contract Term: 3-Year Renewable Contract

Location: Columbus Metropolitan Library – Main Library

Reports To: Friends of the Library Board

Schedule: Part-time Contract, Flexible Hours

About the Role

The Friends of the Columbus Metropolitan Library is seeking a visionary and detail-oriented **Gallery Curator for the Losinski Gallery**, an exhibition space dedicated to supporting **art and visual literacy** in Central Ohio. This contracted role is a unique opportunity to shape and elevate the artistic experiences of our community through innovative exhibitions and collaborative programming.

The Gallery Curator will lead all aspects of the Gallery’s curatorial and creative operations, including ideation, curation, planning, installation, and community engagement. Working in close partnership with local artists, organizations, Library staff, and governing boards, the Director will produce **4–6 exhibitions annually**, showcasing a diversity of artistic voices and mediums that align with the Gallery’s mission.

Key Responsibilities

- **Curatorial Leadership:** Develop compelling exhibition themes and concepts, honoring the mission of the Gallery to support visual literacy and community engagement.
 - **Project Management:** Oversee exhibition planning from concept through installation, ensuring clear timelines, deliverables, and quality control across all aspects of execution.
 - **Collaborative Engagement:** Serve as the primary liaison to artists, local arts organizations, curators, and Columbus Metropolitan Library staff.
 - **Momentum & Continuity:** Maintain and execute on pre-contracted exhibition plans through Q1 2026, preserving the vision and schedule already in place.
 - **Budget Oversight:** Work within approved budgets and participate annually in the budget cycle to request project funding, artist fees, materials, and other expenses.
 - **Installation & Presentation:** Lead or coordinate exhibition installation, working with contractors and Library facilities staff as needed.
 - **Promotion & Visibility:** Support communication and marketing efforts by providing timely information, visuals, and curatorial statements for Library and partner promotion.
 - **Evaluation & Reporting:** Provide regular updates and a year-end summary to the Friends of the Library Board, highlighting outcomes, attendance, and impact.
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Compensation and Terms

- **Fees and compensation** will be outlined in an **annual Statement of Work (SOW)**, aligned with the ideation and scope of proposed exhibitions and gallery goals for that year.
 - This is a contracted role; compensation is **not commission-based**, and there is **no commission on artwork sales**.
 - Annual renewals are based on performance, alignment with Gallery objectives, and ongoing funding.
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Qualifications

- Proven experience curating gallery exhibitions across multiple artistic media
- Strong project management skills and ability to manage multiple timelines simultaneously
- Excellent communication and collaborative skills; ability to work with artists, institutions, and stakeholders
- Demonstrated connection to the **Columbus arts community** and enthusiasm for public engagement
- Familiarity or experience working within or alongside public libraries or nonprofit organizations is a plus
- Passion for **visual literacy**, public art, and community-focused creative work

Additional Details

- This is a **contracted role** for an initial 3-year term, with **unlimited potential for renewal** based on performance and continued funding.
- Flexible hours, but candidates must be available for key events, openings, and installations.

To Apply

Please submit a proposal to fol@columbuslibrary.org that includes a resume, cover letter, and a brief portfolio or sample of curatorial projects (if available). As part of your proposal, please also provide a detailed fee proposal, including your total annual fee for the contracted services, a breakdown of any anticipated costs, and your preferred payment schedule. Proposals will be reviewed on a rolling basis.

