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## **SUBMISSIONS OPEN FOR YOUTH ART SHOW**

**SHARPSBURG, PA** – Submissions for the annual Sharpsburg Community Library (SCL) Youth Art Show are officially open.

Through July 2, students entering grades kindergarten through 12 can submit their artwork to be displayed at the library from July 7 to July 26, when a closing reception honoring the artists will be held from noon to 1:30 p.m.

"Every young artist deserves to feel the pride that comes from seeing something they created framed and hanging on the wall for all to see," SCL Education and Engagement Coordinator Alison Babusci said. "It is a special sense of accomplishment that comes from sharing our unique artistic expressions with others, and it can build self-confidence."

SCL Branch Manager Sara Mariacher said, while the library hosts a youth art show annually, this year's Summer Reading Challenge theme, "Color Our World," makes the event "more relevant than ever."

"We love to see the creativity of the kids and teens in our community on display for everyone to see. The show also allows patrons to see examples of some of the projects we do at the library, since many of the pieces on display have been made at our programs," Mariacher said. "It's also encouraging for young people to see their work on display and realize they are artists. It culminates in the closing reception, which is an opportunity for parents, family members, friends and community members to celebrate with them."

Eligible artwork includes paintings, drawings, digital art, photographs, mixed media, textile pieces and three-dimensional items (hanging only). All pieces should be wired and ready to hang or have a sawtooth-style hanger with a wire loop.

The maximum size is 36 inches by 36 inches, and the maximum weight is 15 pounds. One piece per student can be accepted, as space permits. Please submit your artwork to the library by no later than July 2 for consideration.

For more information about Sharpsburg Community Library, including upcoming programming, visit [www.coopersiegelcommunitylibrary.org/sharpsburg/](http://www.coopersiegelcommunitylibrary.org/sharpsburg/).

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