



Arts, Culture & Heritage Commission Staff Report

Date: January 21, 2026

From: Erika Valentine, Arts & Culture Program Coordinator

Subject: Wilsonville Public Library Children's Section Murals Project – Julia Hunker Design Approval

Recommended Action

Approve the Library Mural Selection Panel's recommendation to approve Julia Hunkler's design.

Please note staff attached the one design file to show the one long continuous mural, as well as it broken up in sections to show it larger. The mural will be on four separate walls in the children's section; half on one side and half on the other (split up by the entrance to the Children's Section).

Background

The Library Staff approached Erika Valentine, Arts and Culture Program Coordinator, about collaborating on hiring a muralist(s) for the Children's Section at the Wilsonville Public Library, as there was interest from the Library Foundation to fund this project.

Staff developed the [Call for Art](#) which outlines the project scope and all project details, which was posted on August 7, 2025. The deadline for submissions is September 10, 2025. The artist stipend is \$20,000 which is being funded entirely by the Library Foundation. Within the Call it states that popular themes (determined by community engagement with patrons) include: animals, nature, books, and characters; and that the mural should evoke a sense of whimsy, fun and freedom.

The call received 54 applications and staff forwarded 39 of those applications to the selection panel to review and score. The selection panel consisted of: 4 Library Staff, 2 Library Foundation Members, and 2 ACHC members.

The panel's scores were due by September 25, 2025. The panel then met on September 30, 2025. After discussion and voting, the group's recommendation was to award the project to Julia Hunkler. At the October 15, 2025 ACHC meeting, the ACHC approved the panel's recommendation to award the project to Julia Hunkler. On October 29, 2025 Artist Julia Hunkler met with Arts and Library staff to discuss the project and was provided with all of the compiled information collected from the community engagement done last summer so she could incorporate into her design.

On January 13, 2026 the original Selection Panel consisting of 4 Library Staff (1 absent), 2 Library Foundation Members, and 2 ACHC members met to discuss and approve Julia's design. The Panel loved Julia's creative design and felt she did a great job capturing the comments from the community on what they wished to see. The Panel discussed some minor revisions but ultimately, they unanimously approved Julia's design and recommended staff forward their recommendation for final approval on to the ACHC.

Attachments

1. Design Narrative from Julia
2. Julia Hunkler Design