



Arts, Culture & Heritage Commission Staff Report

Date: October 15, 2025

From: Erika Valentine, Arts & Culture Program Coordinator

Subject: Wilsonville Public Library Children's Section Murals Project – Project Award

Recommended Action

Approve the Library Mural Selection Panel's recommendation which is to award the project to artist Julia Hunkler.

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 is to award the project to Julia Hunkler. Per the City's Public Art Policy and Guidelines, the recommendation will still get forwarded to the ACHC for final approval.

Next Steps

If the ACHC approves the recommended artist, staff will begin working on their contract. Prior to the artist creating their unique design, they are expected to attend a site visit at the Library with staff. Upon receiving their design draft, there will be a review meeting for the same panel listed above to provide revisions and feedback. The design would then come to the ACHC for final approval.

Timeline (subject to change)

Library Staff Community Engagement efforts	July 2025
Call for Art Opens	August 12, 2025
Call for Art Closes	September 10, 2025
Stage One Initial Review	September 16, 2025
Stage Two Selection Panel Review	September 30, 2025

Stage Three Approval by the ACHC	October 15, 2025
Execute Contract with awarded Artist/Artist team	Early November 2025
Site Visit/meeting with Artist	November 12, 2025
Design Due	January 9, 2026
Design Review Meeting	January 13, 2026
Design Approval by the ACHC	January 21, 2026
Installation	Mural complete by March 1, 2026

Attachments

1. Julia Hunkler Application
2. Julia Hunkler Resume
3. Julia Hunkler Work Samples