

CALL FOR ART: KELLER PUBLIC LIBRARY

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APPLICATION DEADLINE: DECEMBER 31, 2025

PROJECT SUMMARY

This mural project is a collaborative initiative between the Keller Public Library and the Keller Public Arts Board. Together, the two entities seek to commission a Texas artist to design and paint an original mural inside the Keller Public Library meeting room.

The mural will replace existing wallpaper and serve as a backdrop for public programs, photographs, meetings, and a wide variety of community events. The design should be library-themed, visually engaging, family-friendly, and versatile enough to support the multifunctional use of the meeting room.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Keller Public Library and the Keller Public Arts Board are partnering to commission a Texas artist to design and paint an original indoor mural inside the Keller Public Library meeting room. The purpose of this collaboration is to enhance a high-use community space with a large-scale, visually engaging work of art that celebrates literacy, imagination, and the welcoming atmosphere of the library.

The mural will span the upper portion of a 50-foot-long interior wall, covering the top three-quarters of the surface, with the lower portion finished in wood paneling by the City. The wall includes three doors, which the Artist must integrate into the final design. The mural will serve as a backdrop for programs, photos, meetings, and a wide range of library and City events, making versatility and broad appeal essential.

The selected Artist will paint the mural directly onto the prepared wall surface using professional materials and must apply a durable protective coating to ensure long-term preservation against scuffs, spills, and frequent room use. This project represents a community investment in creativity, literacy, and public art, and seeks an artwork that is family-friendly, original, timeless, and reflective of the inspirational environment of the Keller Public Library.

BUDGET

The total budget for the mural project is \$6,000, inclusive of all artist fees, materials, supplies, travel, insurance, and any other expenses required to complete the mural.

Payment Schedule:

- 50% (\$3,000) upon execution of the Artist Agreement and approval of the design.
- 50% (\$3,000) upon final inspection and acceptance of the completed mural.

ENTRY CRITERIA

Eligibility

- Open to artists residing in Texas.
- Individual artists or artist teams may apply.
- Artist teams must designate one lead applicant who will assume all contractual responsibilities.

Professional Requirements

- Applicants must demonstrate:
- Experience with mural work or large-scale painting, interior or exterior.
- Ability to design around architectural features such as doors and variable wall heights.
- Capacity to meet project timelines and work collaboratively with City staff.

THEME

The theme of the mural is Library & Literacy Inspiration, broadly interpreted.

The collaboration seeks designs that:

- Celebrate reading, learning, imagination, and storytelling
- Are visually engaging, timeless, and inclusive
- Complement the diverse uses of the meeting room

Murals must be original, and may not infringe upon the copyright or any other right or interest of any other person or organization. Artist selected agrees that the City of Keller shall have the right and permission to use the name, entry, and entry information of the entrant in any manner or media now or hereafter known without further consideration except where prohibited by law.

MURAL SPECIFICATIONS

The mural will be installed on an interior wall in the front meeting room of the Keller Public Library.

WALL DETAILS

- Approximate wall length: 50 feet
- Mural coverage: top approximately $\frac{3}{4}$ of the wall
- The City will install wood panels along the bottom portion for furniture protection
- There are three doors located along the mural wall; the Artist must paint around these architectural features
- The City will remove wallpaper and make any necessary wall repairs or preparation
- Artist must account for doors, corners, and wall variations in the final design

MURAL REQUIREMENTS

- Mural must be painted directly on the wall using professional-grade materials.
- Design must be library-themed, broad, inclusive, and appropriate for all ages.
- All artwork must be original and not infringe on any copyright.
- Designs may not include political messaging, vulgarity, profanity, copyrighted characters, logos, advertisements, or offensive or polarizing symbols.
- Artist must provide all paint, tools, materials, primer, and finishing products.
- Artist must apply a durable protective sealant (anti-graffiti coating or polyurethane-style finish) to safeguard the work from spills, scuffs, and general wear.
- Artist must maintain a clean and safe work area during installation.

CALL FOR ART & APPLICATION PROCESS

Phase I - Open Call (December 1–December 31)

This collaboration will accept submissions through CaFÉ (callforentry.org) between December 1 and December 31.

1. Artist information

- Full name
- Mailing address
- Phone number
- Email address

2. Professional background

- PDF of current resume or CV
- PDF artist statement

3. Portfolio

- 3–5 images of previous mural or large-scale artwork
- Titles, medium, and brief descriptions

4. Draft Mural Concept (required)

- A rough draft, sketch, or preliminary concept for a mural idea specifically designed for the Keller Public Library meeting room
- May be hand-drawn or digitally created
- Should show general composition and theme (not required to be at final detail level)

5. Additional materials

- Proof of artist liability insurance
- 1–3 professional references
- Website or social media links (optional but encouraged)

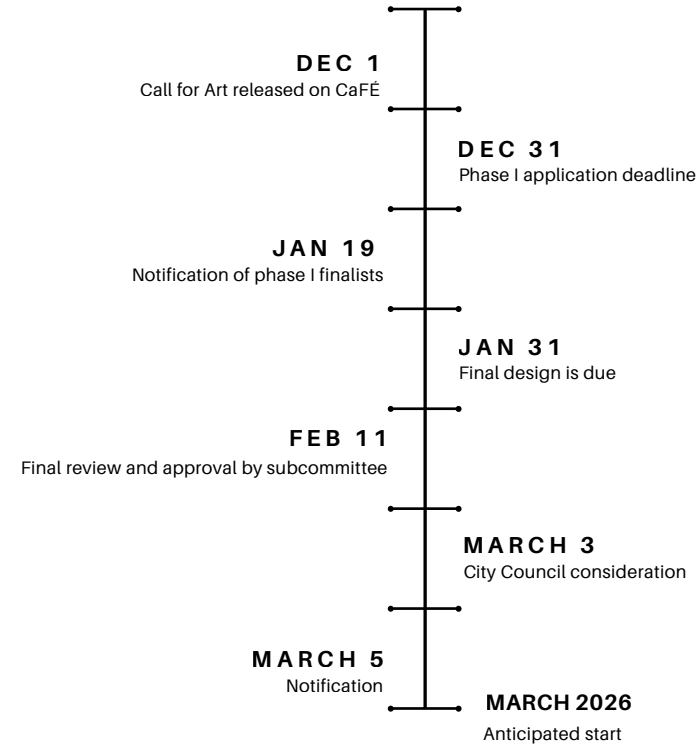
Phase I Finalist Notification:

- Selected finalists will be notified by January 19.

MURAL SPACE



2025-2026 PROJECT TIMELINE*



**Timeline subject to change at the direction of the subcommittee. Completion date target: April 2026*

EXHIBITION

The intent is to leave the murals as permanent pieces of art for the foreseeable future. The building owner has the right to paint or change the walls as they see fit. There is no guarantee of longevity of the display. The City of Keller is under no institutional obligation to keep the mural looking new or repair any damages.

NOTIFICATION

The selected Artist will be contacted via email and must complete the Artist Agreement and applicable documentation within two (2) weeks of notification.

The subcommittee reserves the right to reject any or all submissions or reopen the Call for Art if necessary.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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