

# Wanted: Teen Artists

Do you want to:

- **See your art displayed at a Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh location?**
- **Be reimbursed for materials?**
- **Earn \$500 for your work?**

**Here's your chance!**

What you need to do:

- Review the attached information about what we're looking for.
- Return the completed proposal form **with samples of your work** (digital photos preferred) to the Teen Services Coordinator by **March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2009**.
- Want to submit a proposal to create work for a library that's not included on the attached list? Go for it! We're looking for up to five additional art projects.

**Successful applicants will be notified by April 15, 2009. Final art due by June 1, 2009.**

Submit proposals to:

Karen Brooks-Reese ([brooks1@carnegielibrary.org](mailto:brooks1@carnegielibrary.org))

**Email submissions are preferred. If necessary, proposals may be mailed to:**

Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor  
4400 Forbes Ave.  
Pittsburgh, PA 15213

Questions? Call 412-578-2599 or email [brooks1@carnegielibrary.org](mailto:brooks1@carnegielibrary.org)

## CLP Teen Public Art Project

Please review the following project descriptions and create a proposal for the library that best suits your skills. If you would like to submit a proposal for a library not included here, you are welcome to do so: we are looking for up to five additional art projects to support. Please consider the community in which the library is located when developing your proposal. We encourage you to submit proposals for libraries located in the community in which you live or go to school. For more information about CLP libraries, please visit [www.carnegielibrary.org/locations](http://www.carnegielibrary.org/locations).

### **Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh – Beechview \* 1910 Broadway Ave., Pgh, PA 15216**

**Community:** It's a working class neighborhood where some of its people have lived for years. There's a very homey, proud feeling here. At the same time, it's the home of the largest Hispanic population in the city – 13.8% of one of our elementary schools. It's a very diverse neighborhood. There's not a lot for kids to do in the neighborhood. The library serves as a hangout.

**Library:** It's small and on two floors. It has a big children's room downstairs. The teen area is smaller – along part of one wall and a seating area. The adult fiction area has the most space and it's the first area you see when you come in the library.

**Where in the library will the art be housed?** It depends on the art – if a sculpture, in the adult fiction area. If a mobile, either there or in the teen room.

#### **Dimensions of display area:**

Mobile:	Height – 2ft	Width – 4ft	Depth – 4ft
Sculpture:	Height – 8.5 ft	Width – 3ft	Depth – 4ft

#### **What format of art would suit the library best?**

Either a mobile or a sculpture, preferably using Papier-mâché

#### **What vision does the Teen Advisory Council have for the artwork?**

Bright, welcoming, kinetic, sturdy, and have something to do with aspects of the library. (Computers, books, wii games, friends, etc.) It should be something so different people will want to come back to the library to see it. Any motion should be able to be turned off at night or be caused by the motions of people in the library so as not to set off the motion detectors.

### **Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh – Carrick \* 1811 Brownsville Rd., Pgh, PA 15210**

**Community:** Carrick is a residential neighborhood with a business district along Brownsville Rd. It has two elementary schools and a high school and is very close to both Knoxville and Brentwood. People in Carrick are hard-working and community minded with a strong focus on families.

**Library:** CLP – Carrick is a small library with a limited number of computers, a reading area near the front windows, a small teen area and a somewhat larger children’s area. Carrick teens say their library is “amazing, awesome, close to pizza.” (Pizza, of course, is very important!)

**Where in the library will the art be housed?** In the teen area as part of the teen table.

**What are the dimensions of the display area?** *Height: 2ft Width: 6ft Depth: N/A*

**What format would best suit the library?** Painting or collage

**What vision does the Teen Advisory Council have for the artwork?** The colors of the sunset, since beautiful sunsets can be seen off of Brownsville Road. We would love to see something interactive – Perhaps a collage covered in glass that teens can add their own art pieces to, or a white board incorporated into the art piece that teens can “graffiti.” Ideally we want this displayed in the teen section either on our table top or on one of our book ends.

## **Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh – Main \* 4400 Forbes Ave., Pgh, PA 15213**

**Community:** Oakland is an academic, museum and hospital destination, and also a somewhat centralized meeting point in the East End of the City. Since so many buses pass through here, it is easier for teens to get to this area. While there aren't many teens that live in the area, teens like to visit Oakland for the food, museums, and the library.

**Library:** The Teen Space at the Main library draws all kinds of different teens, from public and private schools all over the city. There are emo teens, sports teens, teens who hug each other, teens who don't hug each other, music teens, manga teens, fiction book teens, and many, many more kinds of teens at the Main library in Oakland.

### **Where in the library will the art be housed?**

Above the entry to the Teen Stacks.

### **What are the dimensions of the display area?**

Height: Approx 6ft.

Width: Approx. 6ft.

Depth: N/A

### **What format would best suit the library?**

Canvas painting

### **What visions does the Teen Advisory Council have for the artwork?**

We would like a painting to be created around the theme: "Library as Third Space." Between home and school, the library is another place to feel included, safe, and to have the ability to explore your interests, relax, connect with others, and have fun. The Library as Third Space means that the library is a destination that becomes part of the lives of teens. We would like to see vibrant colors in this painting. The painting will be placed above the doorway to the teen stacks, which houses the bulk of the Teen materials collection.

### **Don't see your library? You're also welcome to submit proposals for the following locations:**

CLP – Brookline (708-710 Brookline Blvd., 15226)

CLP – Downtown (612 Smithfield St., 15222)

CLP – East Liberty (130 S. Whitfield St., 15206)

CLP – Hazelwood (4901 Second Ave., 15207)

CLP – Hill District (2177 Centre Ave., 15219)

CLP – Homewood (7101 Hamilton Ave., 15208)

CLP – Knoxville (400 Brownsville Rd., 15210)

CLP – Lawrenceville (279 Fisk St., 15224)

CLP – Mt. Washington (315 Grandview Ave., 15211)

CLP – Sheraden (720 Sherwood Ave., 15205)

CLP – South Side (2205 East Carson St., 15203)

CLP – Squirrel Hill (5801 Forbes Ave., 15217)

CLP – West End (47 Wabash Ave., 15220)

CLP – Woods Run (1201 Woods Run Ave., 15212)

## CLP Teen Public Art Project – Proposal Submission Form

Artist Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ School: \_\_\_\_\_

Intended Library: \_\_\_\_\_

Why should you be selected to create a piece of art for this library? (Please describe your connection to the community and the library; how your art will enhance the existing library space; and, if applicable, how your art relates to the vision described by the teen advisory council. Be as specific as possible.)

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Please describe the art you will create. Attach sketches, diagrams, etc. as needed.

Dimensions: Height \_\_\_\_\_ Width \_\_\_\_\_ Depth \_\_\_\_\_

Mounting requirements (i.e., tabletop; wall mount; ceiling mount; etc.)

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Creative Brief (description of final product)

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Please attach:

- Sketches, diagrams, etc. of your intended product
- At least three samples of other work (digital photographs preferred)

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