

MILTON PUBLIC LIBRARY



**YOUTH
ARTIST APPLICATION**

For the past two years, the library has been able to bridge the gap between local artists and the Milton community by bringing the two together in our Story Gardens space through an Art Walk that is free and accessible to all visitors. This year, we are very excited to also include a youth division and showcase Milton's talented youth, ages 5 to 17.

This year's shape is a POPPY! The Milton Public Library will be hosting a community-wide read this summer with the book *The Wizard of Oz* and we're excited to tie the Art Walk into this reading initiative.

As part of our third annual Art Walk, all youth pieces will be on display in the library during the month of August and auctioned off on Tuesday, September 8, 2026, at 5:00 pm, as a fundraiser for the library to support the continued development and maintenance of Story Gardens. Pieces WILL NOT be returned to the artists.

For this first year of the youth division, all youth art pieces will be displayed INSIDE Milton Public Library.

Youth who would like to participate must submit a template illustrating their proposed design (see attached for template) and an Artists Application form (see attached).

Eighteen youth artists and their designs will be chosen for the 2026 Art Walk exhibit. Because we would like to have all age groups represented, the 18 selected artists will feature:

- 6 artists ages 5-8
- 6 artists ages 9-12
- 6 artists ages 13-17

All selected artists will have the opportunity to participate in an artist workshop led by former School District of Milton art teachers, Vickie Cottam and Connie Bier. The date of this workshop is still to be determined.

Application Dates:

- All materials can be submitted via email to colstad.ashley@miltonpubliclibrary.org or dropped off at Milton Public Library, 430 E. Hight Street, Milton, WI 53563 by **Friday, March 13, 2026**, for review by the MPL Art Walk Committee.
- Selected artists will be contacted directly and announced the week of **March 30, 2026**.

Art Walk Committee Selection Considerations:

1. The Art Walk Committee is looking for pieces that demonstrate originality, artistic excellence, and are visually compelling.
2. The Art Walk Committee is looking for artists who have a connection to or roots in **Milton, Wisconsin**.

Art Walk Dates:

- **Week of January 19, 2026**
 - Applications will be available for download or pick up.
- **Friday, March 13, 2026**
 - All applications must be submitted to the library or to colstad.ashley@miltonpubliclibrary.org.

- **Week of March 30, 2026**
 - Selected artists will be contacted directly and announced.
- **Monday, April 20 – Friday, April 24, 2026**
 - Wooden cutouts of the shapes will be available for artists to pick up during library hours upon receipt of completed artist agreements.
- **Friday, July 17, 2026**
 - Completed pieces must be returned to Milton Public Library by this date.
- **Friday, July 31, 2026**
 - Art pieces will be on display in Milton Public Library.
 - 5:00 pm - Artists Reception to be held in the Milton Public Library's Story Gardens.
- **Tuesday, September 8, 2026**
 - 5:00 pm - Art pieces will be auctioned off at Milton Public Library's Story Gardens.

Design Criteria for Art Walk:

1. Designs must be appropriate for public display. Designs that are religious, political, or sexual in nature, or use corporate logos or advertising will not be accepted.
2. Although these pieces will be displayed indoors, it's encouraged that artists use materials suitable for outdoor wear.
3. The MPL Art Walk is a public art exhibit. The art pieces will be in a public location where the public may touch the designs.
4. One side of the art piece must be decorated, but both sides will be sanded and primed. The artist is welcome to paint both sides of the piece; however, please note that the back may be partially obstructed in order to put them on display.
5. Artists may alter the basic form but cannot compromise its structural integrity.
6. To see previous pieces of art featured in our Art Walk, please visit the library's website at www.miltonpubliclibrary.org/art-walk.

Technical & Materials Guide:

- If chosen, every artist will be provided with the same approximately 12"x12" pre-sanded and primed, plywood cutout of a poppy.
 - The inside center or circle of the poppy will be a 3D layer of wood

If you have any questions about the application, the selection process, or the Art Walk in general, please reach out to Ashlee at kunkel.ashlee@miltonpubliclibrary.org or Ashley at colstad.ashley@miltonpubliclibrary.org.



Artists Application *Deadline for Submission – Friday, March 13, 2026*

Please Print Clearly.

Name:

Age:

Parent/Guardian:

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____

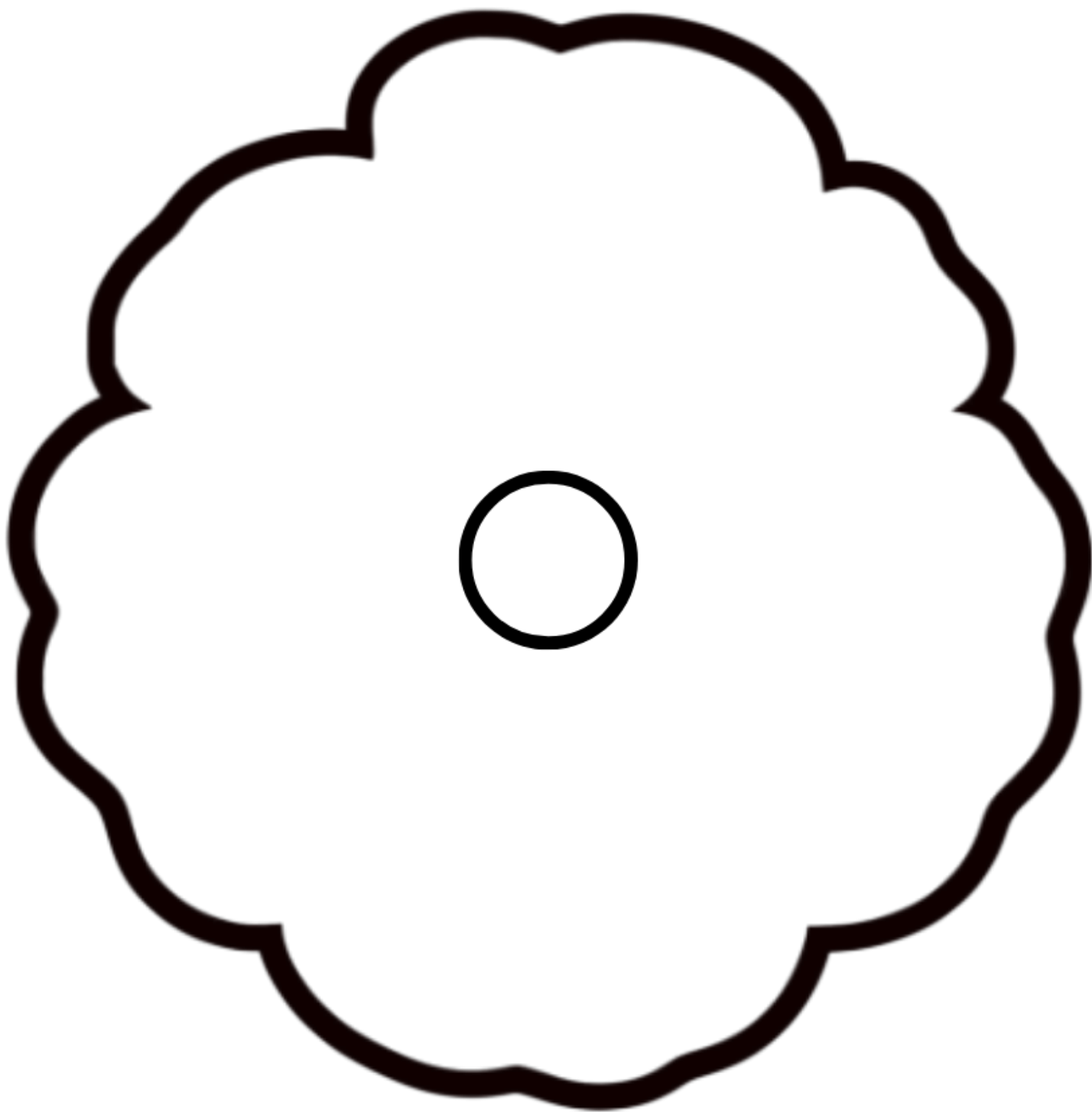
Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Title of your proposed art piece (if known at this time):

Design Statement: *(Brief description of design, how it will be made, and the materials you intend to use.)*

Please sketch or draw your concept in the outline below. You may provide additional sketches or illustrations if necessary to show detail.



Signature: _____

Parent/ Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____