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Waukee Public Library Art Gallery to Open June 4

Waukee, Iowa — The Waukee Public Library is adding a new amenity to its building – an art gallery, set to open on June 4, 2019. The Waukee Public Library Art Gallery, located inside the library's public Coal Mine Meeting Room, is a space to display relevant traveling exhibits as well as collections from local artists.

"The addition of the art gallery is a way for the library to further serve as a gathering place in the community and as a place to inspire the free exchange of ideas," said Adult Services Librarian Alex Coggeshell. "We look forward to hosting a variety of exhibits with the goal of creating a historical, cultural and educational environment within the Waukee Public Library".

The first exhibit, which is also part of the Summer Reading Program's "Explore the Universe" theme, is "Extravehicular Activity", a collection of official photos borrowed from NASA. An exhibit opening for the NASA photos will take place June 4 at 6 p.m. followed by a presentation at 6:30 p.m. on "The Amazing Technology of the Apollo Moon Program".

Other exhibits scheduled include "Reflections: Photography as a Contemplative Experience" from photographer Eva Jade Landon on display July 12-Aug. 31 and "Water and Nature" from painter Julie Jewell on display Sept. 3-30.

Professional and amateur artists and art organizations can apply to exhibit in the new gallery. Interested artists can submit an application at waukeepubliclibrary.org/artgallery.

Visitors can enjoy the Waukee Public Library Art Gallery located at 950 Warrior Lane in Waukee. Gallery hours are year-round, Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. and on Sundays, Sept.-May from 1-4 p.m. The gallery will close intermittently for meetings. Call 515-978-7944 to confirm the gallery schedule.

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The Waukee Public Library operates as part of the City of Waukee. It is governed by a seven-member board of trustees. In 2018 alone, nearly 119,000 visitors walked through the library doors and nearly 185,000 items were checked out. In addition to providing books, digital materials, meeting space and computer access, the Waukee Public Library hosts hundreds of programs and events each year to educate and enlighten Waukee area citizens of all ages. Visit waukeepubliclibrary.org.