The Unalaska Public Library is seeking statements of interest from artists and craftspeople who would like to propose art projects and functional pieces that we will integrate into the library expansion and improvements.

**Interested?**

First, submit a statement of interest with examples of your work and references. *Do this now!!*

Second, if invited to submit a proposal, you will be given a small stipend to develop a proposal for a specific location of your choosing within the library.

Third, If your proposal is selected, a contract for the final design and installation will be developed to incorporate your work into the project.

Open to current or former Unalaska residents and all Alaska residents.

**How to apply.**

Please send a letter including the following:

1. Experience with similar projects. Include medium, year, cost and installation methods
2. List of current projects
3. Three references for past projects
4. Confirmation of ability to complete Design Fall 2019 and Install Spring 2021
5. Reason for interest

**Send it in!**

Responses may be delivered in person, by carrier, or email. Mailed deliveries should be received by the due date to be considered. Responses emailed should be sent at least 1 hour prior to the deadline to allow for confirmation of receipt.

**Email Response**

Send to: karenz@ecialaska.com
with the subject heading “Unalaska Library Artist”

**Mailed or Hand delivered Response**

Send to:
Unalaska Public Library
c/o Karen Kresh
64 Eleanor Drive
PO Box 1370
Unalaska, AK 99685

**Deadline for Response to this Call**

June 12, 2019
by 3pm

Alaska Standard Time

**Background Information**

Please see the Unalaska Library Improvements project website for more background information on the overall expansion project

https://unalaskalibraryimprovements.com/

Responses to questions will be available to all artists through posting on the Unalaska Library Improvements project website

**Questions?**

Email questions to: karenz@ecialaska.com
with the subject heading: Unalaska Library Artist QUESTION

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**The library is open:**

Monday–Friday, 10 AM–9 PM and Saturday–Sunday 12 PM–6 PM.

It is closed on Monday, May 27.
**Project Description:** The Unalaska Public Library will be expanding about 3,300 sq. ft. toward the existing parking area to accommodate a new children’s and teen areas, improve adult reading areas, add study rooms, and make space for additional library materials. An improved entry and large gathering area for community events are also included. Within these areas of improvement there are many opportunities for incorporation and integration of artistic expression. Projects may be artistic interpretations of building elements as well as stand-alone art objects or applied art. Possibilities include circulation desk, fire place hearth, ornate door handles, entry benches, murals, sculpture, mosaics and many other creative ideas.

**Locations for Art:** The committee does not want to limit the possibilities for location and will be open to locations proposed by the artist as well as those identified as having potential. Some potential locations include walls within the entry lobby, areas above and to the side of the new fire place, benches within the entry, seating at windows, exterior landscape elements, exterior book drop, exterior entry wind break, walls within the gathering room, and children’s room walls.

**Budget:** The overall project budget for all of the building improvements is approximately $4.5M. The project team is interested in investing a small percentage of the construction budget toward contracted art installations. A preliminary budget of $45,000 has been established for the incorporation of art into the project but an exact amount has not yet been determined. The Library is not required to spend any amount and may choose to spend all or some of the budget once it is finalized.

**Selection Committee:** The selection committee is made up from local community members and library project designers. From the qualified applicants, the committee will select artists for invitation to develop proposals. The committee’s decisions are final.

**Compensation:** Selected proposers may be paid up to $300 stipend for completed proposals. Proposals will identify the concept, media, location, size, and approximate budget through sketches and narrative for the Artistic installation.

**Final Project Selection:** Of the submitted proposals, the committee may choose any number of proposed installations to be incorporated into the project.

**Understanding:** The committee, nor the City of Unalaska are at no obligation to expend any or all of the funds that may be set aside for Art. The total budget may be divided in any manner the selection committee determines most effective and no particular area or artwork is designated with a specific budget at this time.