

Call for Submissions: Juliette Hampton Morgan Memorial Library Mural Project

245 High Street, Montgomery, AL 36104

Entry Deadline: Thursday, October 19, 2017, 5 pm

Project Summary

The Montgomery City-County Public Library Board of Trustees invites artists to submit entries for a site-specific mural at the Juliette Hampton Morgan Memorial Library. The Trustees seek a work to enhance the beauty of the library and tell the story of Montgomery through a vibrant and engaging visual design that will be the centerpiece of the library's renovation, creating a work that will be a lasting contribution to the life of the library and the community.

Project Intent

The selection committee is searching for a proposal that will honor and incorporate the mission of the library, learning, and reading in its vision. Proposed work should acknowledge and celebrate Montgomery's cultural, historical, and literary contributions. Concepts that include the impact of social and political movements, economic development, and education throughout the history of Montgomery are strongly encouraged. Ideally, the mural will provide a visual evolution of the City and County of Montgomery over the past 200 years.

The project consists of four interior, curved walls surrounding the library's central staircase. The finished design will be four 11 x 9 foot panels. The selected artist's work will be fabricated on Wall Armor for permanent installation.

About the Juliette Hampton Morgan Memorial Library

Built in 1959, the building that today is the home of the Juliette Hampton Morgan Memorial Library (Morgan Library) was originally designed to house a museum with galleries on the second floor and a public library on the first floor. When the Museum of Fine Arts moved to its own building in 1988, the 245 High Street building was renovated so the library could occupy both floors. Designed by Sherlock, Smith & Adams Architects, the state-of-the-art facility boasted contemporary mid-century features, including a large spiral staircase, walls of windows on the ground floor, and an arches motif in both the exterior and interior design.

As the main library of the Montgomery City-County Public Library (MCCPL) system, Morgan Library is undertaking a major renovation project for the first time over twenty years. The vision of the library has not changed over the last 100 years of its existence: to provide access to the citizens of Montgomery County to those programs, services and materials that will enhance their lives and enable them to remain connected to the world from within the boundaries of our great county. The Morgan Library renovation will turn a mid-century-modern jewel box into the library of the future.

Award: \$7,500

Submission requirements:

- **Mural concept drawings and vision narrative**
- **Letter of Interest** succinctly describing why you are interested in this project, and any experience you have working with public facilities and organizations.
- **Artist biography**
- **4 images reflecting the artist's work**, especially examples of public art installations.

Eligibility

The Project is open to all artists currently residing in Alabama regardless of race, color, creed, gender, national origin, age, religion, marital status, political opinion or affiliation, or mental or physical disabilities. Montgomery area artists are strongly encouraged to apply.

Selection Process and Schedule

The Selection Committee will review all required submission materials demonstrating:

- 1) Concept drawings and narrative that best reflect the project intent.
- 2) Examples of previous work.
- 3) Experience working well with clients through stages of modification and refinement to finished artwork.

The tentative schedule is as follows:

- Thursday, October 19, 2017, 5 pm – Submission deadline
- October 27, 2017 – Semi-finalist interviews
- November 1, 2017 – Award announced; execute artist's contract

Application Process

All submissions must be received by 5 pm, October 19, 2017. Submission materials must be uploaded to <https://www.dropbox.com/sh/z8oe6keucjdd0i0/AAALSp5so4jCMmEMudS8y4aEa?dl=0>

Questions

All questions must be submitted in writing to Karen Preuss, Assistant Library Director at kpreuss@mccpl.lib.al.us.