

# Call For Artists

## Spring Valley Library

### Black History Month Art Exhibition

February 2026

The Spring Valley branch of the San Diego County Library will showcase art by local artists for Black History Month in February 2026. This exhibition aims to provide a distinctive space and opportunity for artists to share their work and talents.

Selected works will be displayed in the Spring Valley Library during the entire month of February. San Diego area artists are encouraged to submit original artwork suitable for a public, all-ages environment. Artwork will be displayed on two walls in the library's great room.

#### Eligibility Requirements

- Open to local artists, teens (15+) and adults
- Work must be the artist's original creation
- Artwork must be suitable for a public, all-ages space—no obscenities, explicit or graphic elements, or politically or culturally offensive material.
- Artwork must show respect for diverse audiences and supports inclusive community values
- Artwork must be relevant to and fit the theme of “Black History Month”, including, but not limited to expressions of cultural heritage, history, life stories, identity, traditions, community, and customs that contribute to the fabric of the Black experience.
- Most 2D art mediums are accepted, including acrylic, oils, watercolor, charcoal, pencil, ink, pastels, printmaking, mixed media, photography, digital (artwork generated by AI will not be accepted)
- Maximum dimensions of ready-to-hang pieces (including frame, if framed) are 48” high x 48” wide
- Artists will provide all hardware required for display on art track.
- Artists are responsible for installation and takedown.

- Artwork must be available for the full exhibit period (February 1 – 28, 2026)

Submission Deadline: January 28, 2026

## Submission Guidelines

**Submissions Accepted:** Monday, January 12, 2026

**Submissions Close:** Wednesday, January 28, 2026, 6:00 p.m.

**Artwork Installation Dates:** Thursday, January 29 – Tuesday, February 3, 2026

**Artwork Takedown Dates:** Monday, March 2 – Friday, March 6, 2026

When submitting artwork, please complete the *San Diego County Library Physical & Digital Object Loan Agreement*.

All artwork must be submitted digitally via email or flash drive (JPG, JPEG, PNG, PDF).

You may submit up to three works of art for consideration. All artwork accepted is for display only and not for sale.

**Email:** [springvalleylibrary@sdcountry.ca.gov](mailto:springvalleylibrary@sdcountry.ca.gov), please enter “Black History Month Art Submission” in subject line.

**In-Person** (flash drive): please hand deliver to Spring Valley Library staff at front service desk.

Artists will be notified of their acceptance on or before Wednesday, January 28<sup>th</sup>, and no later than Friday, January 30, 2026.

All Loaned Object(s) must be lent at the Lenders’ own discretion and expense. The Lender warrants that it has or will obtain insurance coverage on any Loaned Object(s), to the extent the Lender feels it necessary based on the appraised value of the Loaned Object(s), and shall make no claim due to damage, loss, or destruction of the Loaned Object(s) to the Library.

San Diego County Library

PHYSICAL AND DIGITAL OBJECT LOAN AGREEMENT

Transfer Ownership to San Diego County Library

Loan to San Diego County Library

Loaned Object(s):		
Effective Date:	Termination Date:	
Amended or Extension:	Revised Termination Date:	
Name of Representative:		
Name of Organization (if applicable):		
Address:		
Telephone:	Mobile:	Fax:
E-mail:		
NOTE: If the Lender is not the owner but is the duly authorized agent of the owner, acting on behalf of the owner in making this loan, please also provide the same information set forth above for the owner.		
If multiple physical and/or digital objects are loaned, please attach a list of all items including the information listed below in addition to photographs if possible.		
Item on Loan/Borrowed:		
Artist/Attribution, if applicable:		
Work/Title, if applicable:		
Creation Date, if applicable:		
Description:		

Format of Item:
Signatures/Labels/Brand Name, Etc.:
Other:
<b>Definitions</b>
<p><b>County</b> – County of San Diego</p> <p><b>Library</b> – San Diego County Library</p> <p><b>Lender</b> – as used in this agreement means owner of the Loaned Physical and/or Digital Object(s) which are being lent to the Library. The Lender hereby represents and warrants that it is the sole legal owner outright of all right, title and interest in and to the Physical and/or Digital Loaned Object(s), or that Lender is the duly authorized agent of the owner of the Physical and/or Digital Loaned Object(s) and such owner is the sole legal owner outright of all rights, title, interest in and to the Physical and/or Digital Loaned Object(s), in either case free and clear of all copyrights, claims, liens, encumbrances or restrictions.</p> <p><b>Borrower</b> – as used in this agreement means an individual or institution(s) in which they have been given authority to borrow an object from the Library. The value of the item must not exceed One Hundred Dollars (\$100).</p> <p><b>Loaned Object(s)</b> – as used in this agreement means the Physical and/ or Digital object(s) provided for display and/or distribution to the Library.</p> <p><b>Borrowed Object(s)</b> – as used in this agreement means the Physical and/ or Digital object(s) loaned to an individual or institution(s) from the Library.</p>
<b>Insurance</b>
<p>All Loaned Object(s) must be lent at the Lenders own discretion and expense. The Lender warrants that it has or will obtain insurance coverage on any Loaned Object(s), to the extent the Lender feels it necessary based on the appraised value of the Loaned Object(s), and shall make no claim due to damage, loss, or destruction of the Loaned Object(s) to the Library.</p>
<b>Conditions</b>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Lender/Borrower covenants and agrees not to sue, or participate in an action against the County including the Library, its Municipal Partners, elected and appointed officers, employees, and agents as a result of this loan, or damages, loss or destruction to the Loaned Object(s).</li></ol>

2. The Borrower will handle and display the Loaned Object(s) with the same degree of care and safekeeping as it does its own similar property.
3. The Lender agrees to confirm digital files contained in any Loaned Object(s) do not contain malware. If Library networks are compromised as a result of malware Lender shall be accountable for damages, which shall not be limited to direct damages.
4. The Library has sole discretion as to whether, for how long, and in what manner Physical and/or Digital Loaned Object(s) shall be exhibited or [displayed/linked on Digital Library] during the term of the Loan. The Library also has the right to determine which written and interpretive materials may accompany the exhibition, if applicable.
  - a. Loaned Object(s) may be reproduced for display, publicity, or a catalogue from duplication processes such as photographs, transparencies, or digital scans without the need for additional written consent on behalf of the Lender.
  - b. Physical and/or Digital Loaned Object(s) may be publicized, cataloged, and linked to a variety of Library sources without the need for additional written consent on behalf of the Lender.
5. Unless otherwise indicated, the Lender will assume all Physical and/or Digital costs of creating, editing, packing, transportation, and insurance of the Loaned Object(s) and Library shall not be responsible for any damage to Loaned Object(s) whether in transit, in its possession or in possession of Borrower.
6. It is the responsibility of the Lender/Borrower to inform the Library, within 90 days in writing, of any change in their address or change in ownership of the Loaned Object(s). Library shall not be responsible for damages due to Lender/ Borrower's failure to notify the Library of changes in their address or ownership of Loaned Object(s).
7. Lender hereby represents that it has provided all information concerning the provenance of the Physical and/or Digital Loaned Object(s) in Lender's (and owner's, if Lender is not the owner) possession, and that, to the best knowledge and belief of the Lender (and owner), the loan of the Physical and/or Digital Loaned Object(s) hereunder will not infringe upon or violate the rights of any person or entity, the Physical and/or Digital Loaned Object(s) has not been exported from any county or imported into the United States in violation of any applicable law, and the Lender (and owner) are not aware of any facts that could give rise to a claim for the seizure or forfeiture of the Physical and/or Digital Loaned Object(s) while on loan hereunder.
8. All Physical and/or Digital Loaned Object(s) in connection with this Agreement will become public record subject to inspection and copying by members of the public. By signing this Agreement, the Lender acknowledges the understanding that the public will be able to inspect and copy the Physical and/or Digital Loaned Object(s) and the information contained therein, and that some or all of the Loaned Object(s) may be posted on the Library's website. For any materials that may be subject to copyright protection, by submitting them to the Library the Lender represents the authority to grant and are granting the Library permission to make the Physical and/or Digital Loaned Object(s) available to the public for inspection and copying, whether in hardcopy or in electronic format. Lender shall be solely responsible and shall indemnify and defend Library from and against any claim or liability including but not limited to claims and liability arising from

infringement of any intellectual property right relating to the use, disclosure or reproduction of Loaned Object(s) pursuant to this Loan.

9. This Agreement shall be governed by, and construed in accordance with, the laws of the State of California. The Lender agrees and consents to the exclusive jurisdiction of the courts of the State of California for all purposes regarding this Contract and further agrees and consents that venue of any action brought hereunder shall be exclusively in the County of San Diego State of California.
10. The Library may terminate this Agreement, effective not less than 30 days after written notice, without further liability for any reason. Upon termination of this Agreement the Lender agrees to collect all Physical and/or Digital Loaned Object(s) from the location they were loaned to.
11. This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement between the Lender/Borrower and the Library with respect to the subject matter hereof. Any prior agreements, promises, negotiations or representation that may have been made or relied upon that are not expressly set forth in this Agreement are of no force or effect. This Agreement may be modified only in writing, which must be signed by both parties.

I agree to the terms and conditions governing this Loan Agreement.

Signature Lender/Borrower:

Date:

Print Name and Title:

San Diego County Library

By:

Date:

County Librarian and/or Designee

PLEASE SIGN AND RETURN TO:

**Library Branch Manager**

or

**Library Administration**

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