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**Waukee Public Library Art Gallery to Reopen April 2**

**Waukee, Iowa** — The Waukee Public Library Art Gallery, previously closed due to COVID-19 restrictions, is reopening April 2, 2022. The gallery, located inside the Library's public Coal Mine Meeting Room, is a space to display collections from local and regional artists as well as relevant traveling exhibits.

The first exhibit of 2022 is a selection of pieces from "90 Heroes: Masked Portraits," a collection of drawings artist Julie Houghton completed in early 2021, of people in the community wearing face masks to help stop the spread of COVID-19. "90 Heroes: Masked Portraits" will be on display April 2-26.

Other exhibits scheduled include: "From Iowa to the 7 Summits: Adventures at Altitude" from mountain climber and photographer Jen Loeb, on display May 1-June 11, with the accompanying presentation "Seeking the 7 Summits: Iowa Climber Jen Loeb" on June 11 at 1 p.m. And "Lost in the Weeds" from illustrator Kelsey Wilson will be on display June 12-28, with an accompanying "Botanical Drawing" class scheduled for June 28 at 5:30 p.m.

Professional and amateur artists, as well as art organizations are encouraged to apply to exhibit in the gallery. Interested artists can submit an application on the Library's website at [waukeepubliclibrary.org/artgallery](http://waukeepubliclibrary.org/artgallery).

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**About the Art Gallery:**

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

**About the Waukee Public Library**

*The Waukee Public Library operates as part of the City of Waukee. It is governed by a seven-member board of trustees. In 2021 alone, nearly 46,000 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](http://waukeepubliclibrary.org).*