

# Art UP Close

Urbandale Public Library's Art UP Close celebrates the work of local artists and encourages the community to experience the arts through engaging opportunities. The program sponsors local artists conducting informative presentations and hands-on workshops throughout our community. The goal is to develop and sustain the public's awareness and interest in the arts, cultivating a true appreciation for all forms of human expression. Art UP Close makes our community a dynamic place to live, work, and visit; in other words, it makes us *Uniquely Urbandale!*

Each year, Art UP Close offers two four-month paid sponsorships to visual, literary, performing, and mixed media artists. Artists eager to use their talent to nurture and grow the community's artistic spirit are invited to apply.

## Stipend

Selected artists receive:

- \$900 stipend
- \$100 for supplies

## Application

Interested artists must submit:

- a letter highlighting their skills, experience, and interest in the program
- potential ideas for program and workshop content
- examples of their work to: Julie Wells, Director  
3520 86th Street  
Urbandale, IA 50322  
or [jwells@urbandale.org](mailto:jwells@urbandale.org)

## Requirements

Interested artists must be:

- able to develop and facilitate:
  - up to four presentations held at the Library or other locations and to participate in an artist reception held after each presentation
  - up to two hands-on workshops held at the Library or other locations
- willing to exhibit work, contingent on art form, in the Library's Art Gallery
- willing to engage with individuals of all ages
- available at times specified by the Library
- within commuting distance of Urbandale
- at least 18 years of age

## Dates

Two four-month sponsorships are available each year:

- April 1—July 30  
Application materials are not accepted after February 23
- August 1—November 30  
Application materials are not accepted after June 27

The program is funded by:

