



SHARE YOUR TALENTS WITH THE COMMUNITY



The Urbandale Public Library is now taking applications for The Arts UP Close Program. Artists and arts organizations eager to use their talents to grow and nurture the community's artistic spirit are encouraged to apply.

APPLICATIONS DUE DEC. 2, 2019



ABOUT THE ARTS UP CLOSE PROGRAM

The Arts UP Close celebrates local talent and encourages the community to experience the arts through engaging opportunities. The program sponsors local artists who conduct presentations and hands-on workshops at the library and in the community. The goal of the program is to develop and sustain the public's awareness and interest in the arts, cultivating a true appreciation for all forms of human expression.

The Urbandale Public Library is offering two, one-month paid sponsorships (April 1 – 30 & September 1 -30, 2020) to visual, literary, performing, and mixed media artists. Artists eager to use their talent to grow and nurture the community's artistic spirit are invited to apply. Arts groups, such as musical groups, theater ensembles, etc. are also encouraged to apply. Applications for 2020 sponsorships are due by Monday, December 2, 2019.

REQUIREMENTS

Interested artists must:

- Be comfortable with public speaking and have experience with teaching and/or leading workshops with audiences of all ages.
- Have a flexible schedule that includes day, evening, and weekend availability; must be available to develop and facilitate a minimum of four presentations and/or workshops to be held during the one-month sponsorship term. (*Library staff will meet with selected artists in early 2020 to schedule program dates.*)
- Reside within commuting distance of the city of Urbandale.
- Be at least 18 years of age and willing to undergo a criminal background check.

COMPENSATION

Selected artists will receive a \$1,000 stipend and \$100 for supplies and/or mileage. Depending on the art form, artists will also have the opportunity to display their work in the Urbandale Public Library Art Gallery.

APPLICATION

To apply, please submit a letter highlighting your skills, experience, and interest in the program and:

- A proposal for a hands-on workshop that could be adapted for all ages
- Three or four examples of your work (scanned images, links to video/audio clips, writing samples)

Please send completed applications to Julie Wells, Library Director, at jwells@urbandale.org by Monday, December 2, 2019. Applications received after December 2 will not be accepted.

Interviews will be conducted in mid-December with selected artists announced in January 2020.