

**CULTURAL ARTS COMMITTEE
CITY OF PALM DESERT
STAFF REPORT**

MEETING DATE: March 12, 2025

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SUBJECT: PALM DESERT LIBRARY ARTS PROGRAMMING UPDATE

RECOMMENDATION:

Receive and file informational report regarding arts programming at the Palm Desert Library.

BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS:

At its November 13, 2024, meeting, the Cultural Arts Committee (CAC) approved Palm Desert Library staff to oversee art programming at the Library. As part of the City's commitment to fostering an inclusive arts environment, the Palm Desert Library has been identified as a venue for community-oriented art exhibitions. Due to limited space, only small-scale displays, such as those on easels or free-standing structures, are feasible. The goal of this programming is to promote community art and provide accessible opportunities for local talent to showcase their work.

The Palm Desert Library has partnered with several regional arts organizations to highlight local artists. In doing so, the Library is meeting its strategic objectives by celebrating arts & culture and creating community connections.

Artists Council

The Library has partnered with the Artists Council to produce booklists associated with each of its 2024-2025 exhibits. This reciprocal relationship allows the Library and the Artists Council broader awareness of its programming and services.

Coachella Valley Watercolor Society

An ongoing partnership to display one piece of artwork produced by their artist of the month. A short bio and a pamphlet will accompany each piece of artwork. The partnership will provide local artists an additional venue to showcase their work and the Library benefits by enhancing our space.

Desert Cities Art Council

The Library has partnered with the Desert Cities Art Council to produce a Spring and Fall 2025 exhibit. The exact dates are yet to be determined. The partnership will provide local artists with an additional venue to showcase their work and the Library benefits by enhancing its space.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact to the Public Art budget associated with this project.