

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, three-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. Applications for 2019 sponsorships are due December 1, 2018.

Stipend

Selected artists receive:

- \$1,000 stipend
- \$100 for supplies and/or mileage

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

Requirements

Interested artists must be:

- able to develop and facilitate a minimum of four presentations and/or workshops held at the Library or other locations
- willing to exhibit work, contingent on art form, in the Library's Art Gallery and to participate in an artist reception
- 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 three-month sponsorships are available each year:

- March 1— May 31, 2019
- September 1—November 30, 2019

Application materials are not accepted after December 1, 2018.

