

# Beautify our Book Drops!

The City of St. Helens, through its Arts and Cultural Commission, is requesting proposals from qualified artists to paint the two book drops for the St. Helens Public Library. The book drops should be painted in a way that portrays community appreciation for books through a series of titles/book spines selected by library patrons.

## **Deadline:** January 15th

### More Information:

https://www.ci.st-helens.or.us/rfps



#### **REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS**

#### A. PURPOSE

The City of St. Helens through its Arts and Cultural Commission is requesting proposals from qualified artists residing in Oregon or Washington to paint two (2) book drops for the St. Helens Public Library. The location is 375 S 18th St. Ste. A, St Helens, OR 97051.

#### **B. PROJECT OVERVIEW**

The St. Helens Public library has two book drops located near the entrance with a vision of having them painted in a way that portrays community appreciation for the following books.

#### **Teens & Adults**

- *The Book Thief* by Markus Zusak\*
- The Fault in Our Stars by John Green
- *Frankenstein* by Mary W. Shelley
- *The Help* by Kathryn Stockett
- *The Hobbit* by J.R.R. Tolkien\*
- *Homes in the Oregon Forest* by Egbert S. Oliver\*
- *Hunger Games* by Suzanne Collins
- *Night* by Elie Wiesel
- *To Kill a Mockingbird* by Harper Lee\*
- *The Underground Railroad* by Colson Whitehead\*

#### Kids

- *Charlotte's Web* by E.B. White\*
- Horton Hears a Who by Dr. Seuss
- *Elephant and Piggie* by Mo Willems (series title)\*
- *Harry Potter* by J.K. Rowling\*
- *Percy Jackson & the Olympians* by Rick Riordan (series title)
- *Ramona Quimby, Age 8* by Beverly Cleary\*
- *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* by Eric Carle
- Where the Wild Things Are by Maurice Sendak\*
- A Wrinkle in Time by Madeline L'Engle
- *Goodnight Moon* by Margaret Wise Brown

\*Required

#### C. SCOPE OF WORK

The selected artist will paint the book drops with a design and imagery that includes the book titles listed above. All book titles marked with an asterisk (\*) must be included. The book

drops need to be pressure washed and primed, and then coated with anti-graffiti coating, which will be provided via the library budget. One book drop should reflect kids book titles, and the other should reflect teen & adult book titles. The colors used in the design should be complementary of the building colors. The book drops measure 48" tall and 25" wide. Exact measurements and building colors are enclosed in the RFP package. All four (4) sides of the book drops must be equally designed. The artist is requested to pick up one (1) book drop to paint it at an alternate location. The library requires that one (1) book drop is accessible to the public at all times.

#### D. SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Proposals should be either hand-delivered to Matt Brown, Finance Director & Recreation Director, City Hall, 265 Strand St. Helens, OR 97051 or emailed to mattb@ci.st-helens.or.us.

Proposals must include the following materials:

- Artist information sheet.
- Artwork samples or link to online portfolio.
- Visual and written description of the book drop designs including the materials that are to be used.
- Project timeline and budget.

#### E. PROJECT SCHEDULE

Proposals must be received at City Hall by 5:00 p.m., Wednesday, January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020. The St. Helens Arts and Cultural Commission will review all submissions and select up to two (2) of the best qualified proposals to recommend to the City Council to enter into a contract with.

The City has adopted Ordinance No. 2952 that outlines the process for review of public art and selection guidelines for public art. Copies of Ordinance No. 2953 are available at City Hall for a copying fee or may be downloaded on the City's website found at <a href="www.ci.st-helens.or.us">www.ci.st-helens.or.us</a>. Part of the process includes a public hearing before the Arts and Cultural Commission.

This process should result in a recommendation from the Arts and Cultural Commission during their regular meeting on January 28th, 2020 to the City Council. After a period of public comment, a final determination will follow.

#### F. EVALUATION CRITERIA

The following parameters will be used to evaluate respondents:

- **Quality:** The quality of the paint used should be durable and weather-resistant for exterior application.
- **Site:** The book drops should enhance the existing character of the site by taking into account scale, color, material, texture, content, and the social dynamics of the location.

- Maintenance and Durability: The cost to maintain the book drops should be considered and quantified, particularly of servicing, repainting, repairing, or replacement of moving parts. Must be resistant to outdoor weather.
- Vision: The design of the book drops should reflect the titles listed in Section B.
- **Project Schedule:** Respondent has presented an efficient project timeline that will result in minimal disruption for book drop accessibility.
- **Book Drop Design & Imagery:** Respondent has proposed a book drop design that fits well with the Columbia Center and community.

#### G. PRESENTATION OF PROPOSALS

Proposals should be prepared simply and economically, providing a straightforward, concise presentation of the information requested.

#### H. QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE

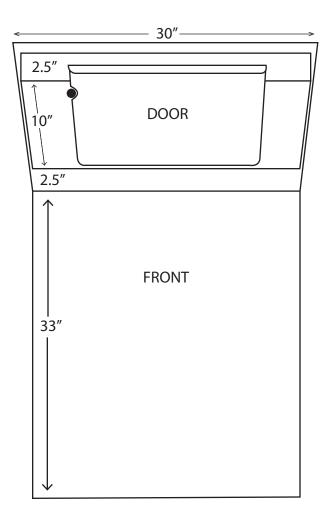
Respondents should have hands-on experience with painting, blending, and shading on large-scale public outdoor surfaces. Additionally, respondents should have excellent composition skills and the ability to approach paintings while considering scale.

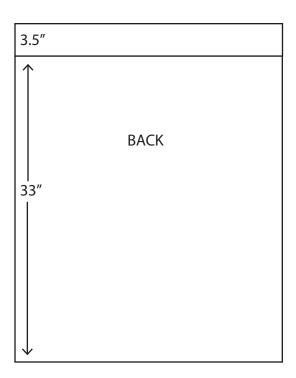
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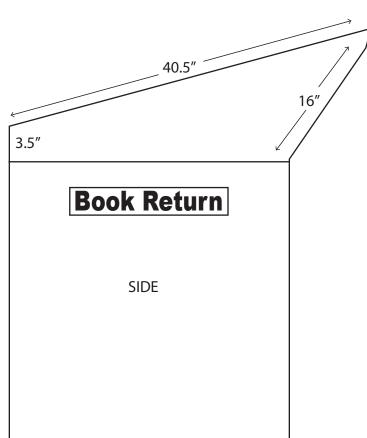
The City of St. Helens is not liable for any cost incurred by respondents prior to issuance of a contract.

#### J. ATTACHMENTS

- 1. Book Drops illustration and measurements
- 2. Library paint colors
- 3. Example of completed Book Drop with book covers
- 4. Artist information sheet







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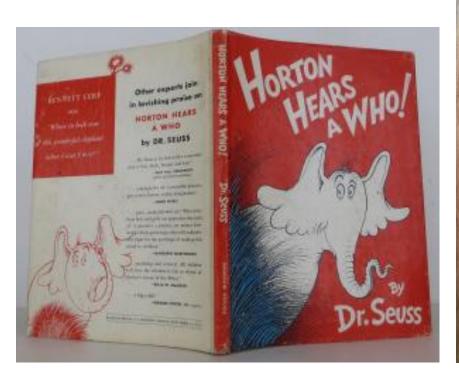




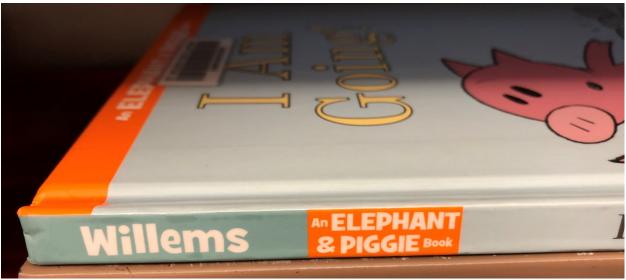
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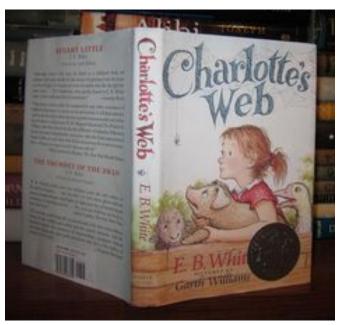


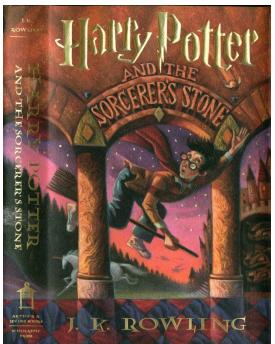






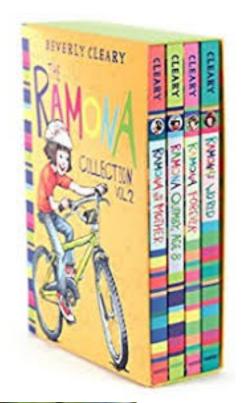




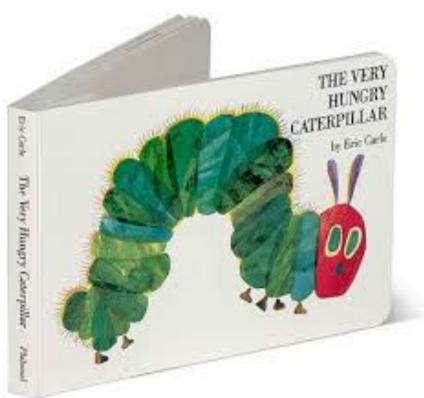


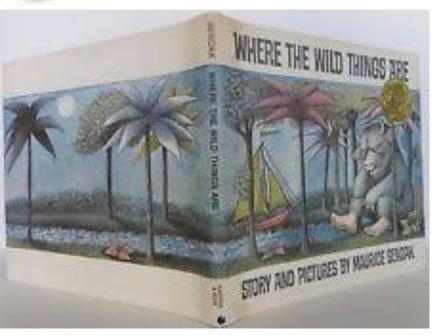




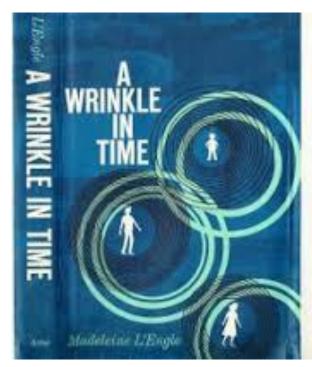












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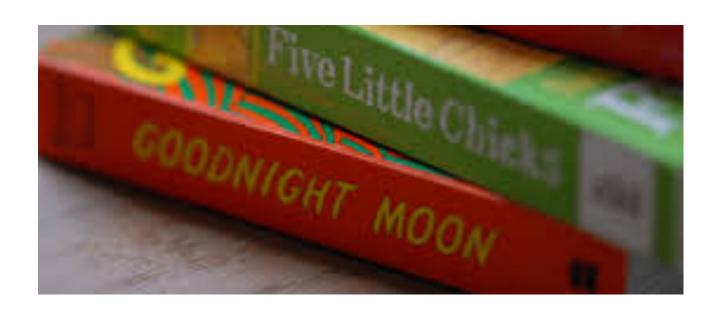
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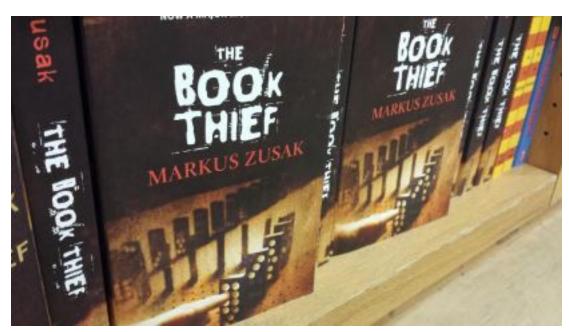
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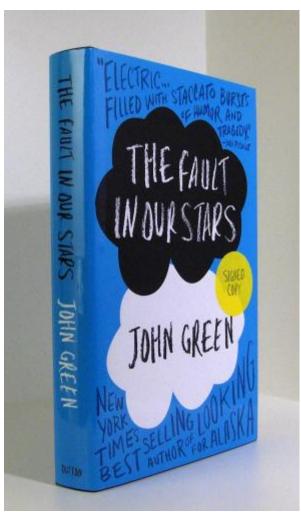
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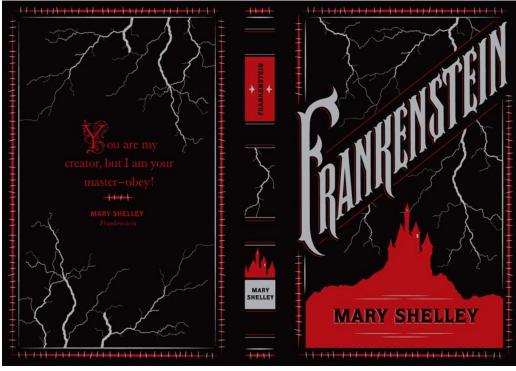


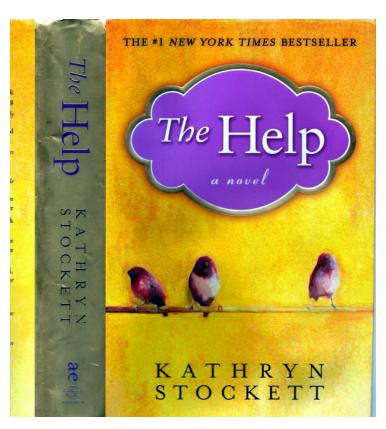


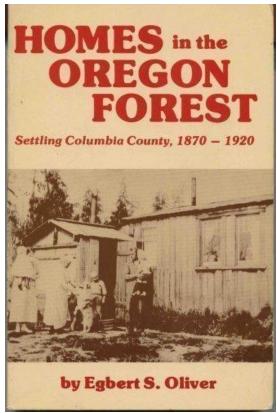






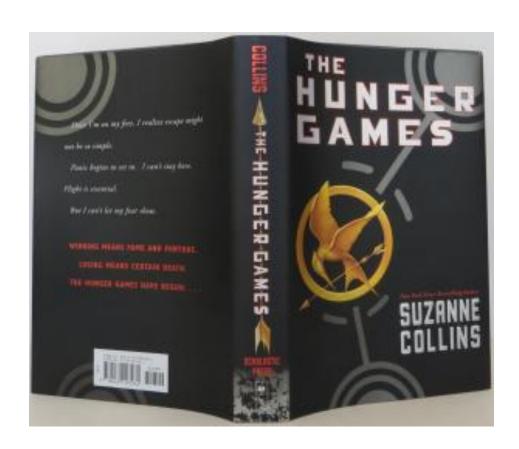


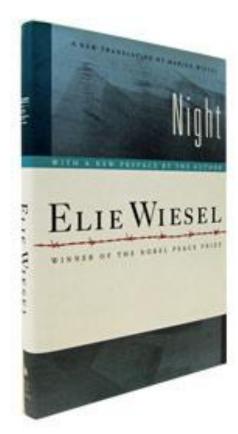


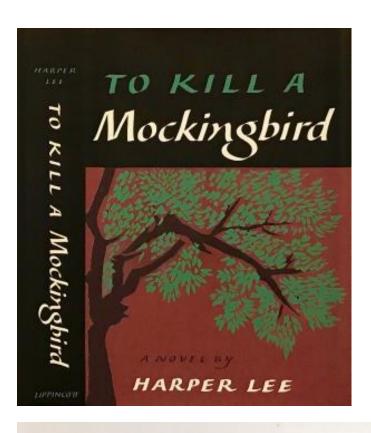


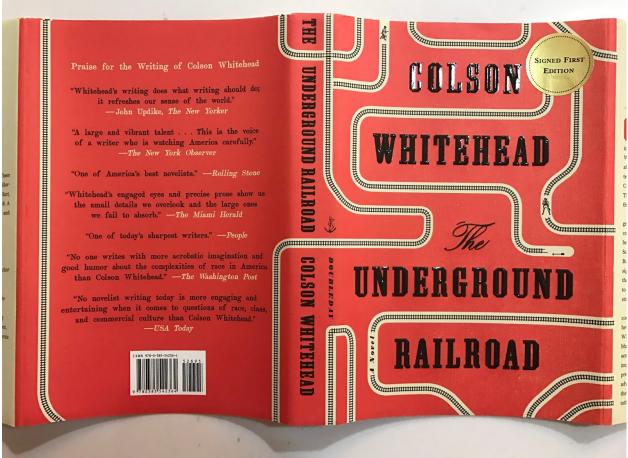












### **Artist Information Sheet**

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Mailing Address:
Maining Address.
City, State, Zip:
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Email Address:
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