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**Spokane Public Library announces 2023 Artists-In-Residence at The Hive®**

(SPOKANE, WASH) – Spokane Public Library will welcome over 10 new artists this year as part of their Artists-In-Residence program at The Hive®.

In addition to event spaces and a maker studio, four of the studio spaces at The Hive® are reserved for an application-based artist residency program. These spaces allow artists to elevate their art, foster connection, and provide free arts education for the public.

“Residencies at The Hive® have enabled artists to expand their craft beyond what is available in their own spaces. We’ve had artists curate entire art exhibits, large public sculptures, and create connections that have raised their visibility and launched future opportunities for them in Spokane’s art community,” said Spokane Public Library Arts Education Specialist, Eva Silverstone. “We know these next Artists-In-Residence will also bring their own unique time, talent, and resources to connect with our community.”

Throughout 2023, the following artists will rotate through Spokane Public Library’s four studios for one-to-six-month residencies.

* [**Spectrum Center**](https://www.spectrumcenterspokane.org/) creates safe spaces for intersectional, intergenerational LGBTQIA2S+ community. They plan to use the Hive as a home base for all of their arts programming, especially Adult Art Camp and IndigiQueer Arts.
* [**Elyse Hochstadt**](https://www.tangledwoolstudio.com/) is a conceptual, fiber-based artist with grassroots activism on plastic pollution and climate change. She plans to explore larger-scale works and programs surrounding climate change.
* [**Amalia Fisch**](https://www.amaliafischart.com) loves working with a variety of art mediums and plans to use her time at The Hive exploring printmaking (monotypes, specifically) and creating larger pieces.
* [**Lenora J Lopez Schindler**](https://www.ljlopezschindler.com/) is a visual artist and plans to complete a series of four large oil paintings she will show at an exhibit at the Saranac Art Projects in November. Her subject matter will be the current interface of our growing population needs in the region and the stresses on local flora and fauna.
* [**Hannah Charlton**](http://www.hannahcharltonarts.com/) specializes in creating illuminated manuscripts and plans to continue her 49-piece series based on the 15th century, "The Book of the City of Ladies" by Chrstine de Pizan. Each piece features a woman from myth and history, like the weaver Arachne, the French painter Anastasia, or the famous queen Semiramis.
* **Inga Laurent and Kelsey Kamitomo** will focus their residency on a project called Healing US: A Restorative Framework for America's Racial Reckoning. Healing US is a book project that explores America’s collective trauma – borne from legacies of slavery and colonialism – and the community-driven movements that are leading the way individual, collective, and national healing, restoration, and reconciliation.
* [**Erica Schisler**'s](https://www.thefortyelephantsfactory.com/) artwork explores western aesthetics, media, history, and personal experiences. During her residency, she plans to use clothing and fabric from secondhand waste and turn it into paper for printmaking and will then create silkscreen and linoleum block prints of transformation symbols.
* [**Kellen Trenal**](https://www.instagram.com/trenaloriginal/) utilizes traditional niimíipuu (Nez Perce) creative practices to create contemporary art. They plan to complete a collection of wearable art pieces that fuse cultural regalia with modern apparel.
* **EWU Emerging Artists -** Announcing Soon!

To learn more about The Hive®, Artists-In-Residence, and upcoming events, visit [www.spokanelibrary.org/hive](http://www.spokanelibrary.org/hive).

**About Spokane Public Library**

Spokane Public Library aims to inspire a thriving city through cultural and educational opportunities. An award-winning library that spans seven locations and houses nearly half-a-million items, Spokane Public Library circulates nearly two million items and welcomes one million visitors annually. Customers can enjoy traditional library media and can also access digital downloads, databases, historical collections, art exhibits, and interesting free programming. For general information about the library, please visit spokanelibrary.org or call 509.444.5300.