



Metro Arts Lending Library



FAQ

How do I . . .

Find and Reserve?

1. Locate an artwork listed in the [library catalog](#).
2. To reserve it, simply place a hold using the library's online catalog.

Borrow?

- Checkout Period: 3 months.
- Renewals: 1 allowed.
- Pick-up artwork in-person at the holding branch library; it cannot be delivered to other branches.
- Checkout Limit: You may borrow one artwork at a time, per library card.
- When you check out an artwork, the library will provide you with a case to protect it during transport.
- Each artwork includes a hook or wire on the back, for hanging. A nail should be enough, if you wish to hang it. Alternately, securely lean the artwork on any shelf, table or mantel.

Return?

- Return artwork to the library circulation desk of the same location you borrowed it from. So, if you borrowed from Southeast, please return to Southeast. Artwork must be returned during library open hours.
- Artwork should never be inserted into, or left by, a book drop.
- If you do not return art, a charge is levied one month past due date.

I love what I checked out. Can I buy it?

In short, no. These artworks were purchased by Metro Arts for all of Nashville to enjoy. However, now that you have checked out this artwork, you have also discovered a new local artist. You now have the opportunity to become a patron and purchase directly from the artist. See each artwork's description in [our gallery](#) for a link to the artist's website or gallery representation.

Can I return this to any NPL library or book drop, like I do with my books?

Artworks must be returned to the library circulation desk of the location where you checked them out, during library hours. When you check out an artwork, the library will provide you with a case to protect it on its way to your home and back, but these artworks should never be inserted into or left by a bookdrop.

When will this be at my neighborhood library?

Metro Arts and NPL are piloting this program at the Madison and Southeast branch libraries. We'll use what we learn from these two locations to determine how to grow the Lending Library collection.

What hanging equipment do I need?

Each artwork will have a hook or wire for hanging on the back, so if you'd like to hang it up, all you will need is a nail. Alternatively, you can securely lean the artwork on any shelf, table or mantel.

How were the artworks in this collection selected?

Metro Arts put out a call to artists open to artists residing in Nashville-Davidson County. Artists could submit up to 3 2-D artworks no larger than 24"x30" and valued at no more than \$700. The submissions were reviewed and ranked by a citizen selection panel and later approved by the Metro Arts Commission.