



Baltimore County Public Library Artist/Maker in Residence Application

Background:

Are you an artist/maker? Do you want to share your skills and artistic vision with the Baltimore County community? Baltimore County Public Library (BCPL) is committed to providing programs and services that enrich customers' lives, that celebrate creativity and innovation, and that encourage people of all ages to explore, learn, create, and connect. The Artist/Maker-in-Residence program brings new creative experiences to Baltimore County residents, provides visibility for local artists and makers, celebrates the make/create movement, and features resources and venues provided by BCPL. The art-centered *Hive* at Hereford, the technology-centered *CoLab* at Randallstown, and other BCPL residency venues, are each unique spaces for creative expression and collaboration, and are free and open to everyone.

Application Process:

Admission to the artist-in-residence program is by application only (see below). A jury of library administration, staff, and subject matter experts makes a selection of finalists, who are then invited for an in-person interview for the residency program. The jury selects artists-in-residence on a semi-annual basis. Previous BCPL artists-in-residence are welcome to apply for an additional residency, but preference will be given to first-time artists. There must be at least a two-year gap between residencies for any returning artists-in-residence.

The next deadline for applications is **Friday, March 17th**.

The jury will meet and inform all applicants of their application status by the end of **April**. Residencies will be awarded for **May 2017** through **December 2017**. We receive a large number of applications and regret that we cannot offer every applicant an Artist in Residence position. If you have specific questions about the application process, please email **Abigail Cooley, Branch Manager** at acooley@bcpl.net.

Residency Requirements:

Residency terms run from one to three months in duration. As a part of the residency, artists must spend at least two days per week making/creating in their assigned space. Each space is open during library hours for the public to learn, create, and interact with the artist. Some secure storage is also available.

In consultation with the host branch, each artist in residence is expected to plan and present at least two interactive sessions, workshops, public programs, or other forms of community engagement during each month of the residency. These can be for a specific age groups or open for all.

Financial Support:

BCPL provides a monthly stipend during the residency period. Our current stipend is \$800 per month, dependent on available funding, with some additional resources available for supply costs. We are unable to reimburse travel costs or to provide housing for visiting artists.



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Please feel free to ask any questions in your application and someone will get back to you as soon as possible.

ARTIST INFORMATION					
First Name		Last Name			
Street Address				Apartment/Unit #	
City		State		ZIP	
Phone			E-mail Address		
Website					

Tell us about your Art (*What is your medium? What have you made and shown before? How does this translate into a "Residency"?*)

Tell us about your facilitation experience (*A large part of the residency at Baltimore County Public Library is engaging with the public or facilitating workshops for a variety of ages. What workshops have you lead before? Do you have experience with youth?*)

What is your project? (*What do you plan to create in your residency? How will you engage the public? What workshop ideas do you have? Artists in Residence teach 2-4 workshops a month.*)

Residency Location (*Please check the location that you would prefer*)

- The Hive* at Hereford (Arts focused)
- The CoLab* at Randallstown (Technology focused)

Residency Dates (*Please check all months that you would be available for a residency*)

- May 2017
- June 2017
- July 2017
- August 2017
- September 2017
- October 2017
- November 2017
- December 2017

Residency Length (*If selected, what length of residency would you prefer?*)

- One month
- Two months
- Three months

What questions do you have about our AIR program?

Please submit your application to the Branch Manager of your chosen location.

For the Hive:

Abby Cooley
Hereford Branch
16940 York Rd
Monkton, MD 21111-1025

For the CoLab:

Sarah Smith
Randallstown Branch
8604 Liberty Rd.
Randallstown, MD 21133-1285