

Realm Library ArtBoxes-Frequently Asked Questions

What are ArtBoxes?

The ArtBoxes are a series of display shelves set atop the 'Wall of Wonder'; a constantly refreshed display of new titles from which our borrowers can choose. The ArtBoxes are used to exhibit artworks from local, emerging, and established artists.

The exhibitions change several times a year, with the work of multiple artists generally displayed under a unifying theme. The themes are chosen to appeal to our community and spark interest in different elements of our collection.

All exhibits will be accompanied by a title frame including a brief description of the work and, if applicable, a sale price.

Prospective artists are invited to submit an expression of interest by the advertised cut-off date for upcoming exhibitions.

How big are the ArtBoxes?

For the physical dimensions of the ArtBoxes, please see the relevant .PDF file.

What artworks will be considered for display?

Expressions of interest will only be accepted for works that are:

- Original artworks
- Already complete. As spaces are limited, we cannot place 'holds' for unfinished works.
- Suitable to display on bookshelf style shelving. No wall hanging opportunity exists, but we are able to accommodate framed works, canvas, and sculptural pieces that are able to stand securely on a flat surface.

Please note that the exhibitions are generally group in nature, and are curated by Library staff. If you would like to discuss a solo exhibition, please contact us at artboxes@erl.vic.gov.au.

Is there a cost involved in exhibiting artworks?

As we are a public library and not a commercial gallery space, we do not charge to display works, nor pay to acquire them.



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Does the library facilitate the sale of artworks?

We are more than happy to provide contact information to parties that are interested in purchasing or commissioning your work, provided that the removal of a sold work takes place after deinstallation.

Artists are required to provide information for a catalogue of works on display, including:

- Artist biography
- Description of works, including details for title cards.

If you wish to advertise your works as for sale, the following information would also be required:

- Contact information
- Which works are for sale, and at what cost.

How are works installed & deinstalled?

If your work is chosen for display in the ArtBoxes and you have agreed to the terms and conditions of exhibiting, you will be invited to exhibit your works in the agreed spaces for the duration of the exhibition. Artists are responsible for the installation and deinstallation of their work/s. Please note that all works must be installed and removed at the agreed times.

Who can I contact for more information?

If you have any questions that are not covered in this FAQ, or are interested in displaying your work, please contact Shani at artboxes@erl.vic.gov.au.