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Morris Watercolor Guild Donates to Library, Expanding Art Book Collection

Morris, IL - July 30, 2025 - The Morris Area Public Library is pleased to announce a generous donation from the **Morris Watercolor Guild**, which has been used to purchase a selection of high-quality art books for the library's collection.

This thoughtful gift enhances the library's offerings for local artists, students, and anyone with a passion for the visual arts. The newly acquired books cover a wide range of techniques and styles providing inspiration, instruction, and enrichment for all skill levels.

"We're incredibly grateful for the Morris Watercolor Guild's generosity," said Library Director Resa Mai. "These books open the door for more patrons to explore their creative side and develop their artistic talents. It's a meaningful contribution that aligns perfectly with our mission to support lifelong learning."

The **Morris Watercolor Guild** is a local group of artists and art lovers who meet most Fridays at 1:00 PM at the **First United Methodist Church** in Morris. The Guild offers a welcoming space for watercolor enthusiasts to connect, learn, and grow. Through weekly gatherings, members share techniques, host demonstrations, and provide encouragement in a warm, friendly environment.

This donation underscores the Guild's ongoing commitment to promoting the arts in the Morris community. By supporting the library, they've helped create lasting resources that will benefit aspiring and experienced artists for years to come.

New Art Books on Display During Liberty Arts Festival

The new art books are now available for checkout at the Morris Area Public Library and will be on display during the **Art Exposition** on **Saturday, August 16** as part of the Liberty Arts Festival. Visitors attending the library's **Rare Renaissance Art Exhibit** will also have the opportunity to explore these contemporary resources, which complement the exhibit by offering deeper insights into artistic techniques, styles, and history. Whether you're newly inspired or a seasoned creator, this collection is a valuable resource for artistic exploration.

Cultivate Curiosity, Enlighten the Mind, Strengthen the Community

You can find more information about the Morris Watercolor Guild on their Facebook page. To explore the new art book collection, visit the library or check our online catalog.

For more information about the upcoming Art Exposition and other events at the Morris Area Public Library, please visit our website at www.morrislibrary.com or contact us at 815-942-6880.

About Morris Area Public Library: The Morris Area Public Library's mission is to provide materials, programming, and space to cultivate curiosity, enlighten the mind, and strengthen the community. We strive to offer diverse and enriching experiences for all members of our community.

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