



# MORRIS AREA PUBLIC LIBRARY

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## Press Release

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### **Morris Area Public Library to Host Rare Renaissance Art Exhibit During Liberty Arts Festival**

**Morris, IL - July 16, 2025** - The Morris Area Public Library is honored to present a special one-day exhibition of **Renaissance-era works** by legendary European artists, on view **Saturday, August 16 from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM** as part of the **Liberty Arts Festival**.

This exceptional collection, generously loaned by a private collector who wishes to remain anonymous, features original works by some of the most influential names of the Renaissance period, including:

- **Albrecht Dürer** (German, 1471–1528)
- **Rembrandt van Rijn** (Dutch, 1606–1669)
- **Dirk Stoop** (Dutch, 1610–1686)
- **David Teniers** (Flemish, 1610–1690)
- **Francis Cleyn** (German, 1582–1658)
- **Cornelis Pietersz Bega** (Dutch, 1631–1664)
- **Jan van Huysum** (Dutch, 1682–1749)
- **Wenceslaus Hollar** (Bohemian, 1607–1677)
- **Nicolas Chapron** (French, 1612–1656)
- **Adamo Scultori** (Italian, 1530–1585)

Visitors will have the rare opportunity to experience the detail, technique, and historical significance of these masterworks up close in the comfort of their local library.

Cultivate Curiosity, Enlighten the Mind, Strengthen the Community

"We are thrilled to bring this extraordinary exhibit to our community," said Resa Mai, Director of the Morris Area Public Library. "It's not every day that you can stand face to face with centuries-old works by some of the greatest European artists in history."

The exhibit is free and open to all ages. Attendees are encouraged to take time exploring the library's collection of art books and resources that further highlight Renaissance art, techniques, and artists' legacies.

As part of the **Liberty Arts Festival**, the day will also include local artist showcases, live performances, and family-friendly activities throughout downtown Morris making it a perfect cultural day out.

For more information about the exhibit and other events at the Morris Area Public Library, please visit our website at [www.morrislibrary.com](http://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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