

2020 FREE Erie Kids Juried Art Show • "Creatures of Colorado"

Deadline to sign-up & submit art is Sept. 18th.

What:

The Erie Community Library, Erie Chamber of Commerce and local artist Kristi Arzola are hosting Erie's 1st ever Juried Kids Art Show! This exhibit is intended for young Erie residents (age 3-18).

How to Sign-Up (FREE):

If your family is interested in participating, you must sign up using this link: <https://forms.gle/TbCAW96EaeQ5PNNL7>

Exhibit Theme:

The theme of this art show is "*Creatures of Colorado*".

Kind of Artwork:

All artwork must fit the theme "Creatures of Colorado. Artwork must be two-dimensional and presented in a professional manner, ready to hang. The outside dimensions of the art cannot exceed 17 inches. All mediums will be accepted (watercolor, acrylics, colored pencil, graphite, pen & ink, markers, mixed media etc). Maximum of two entries per artist.

How to Label Art:

Each piece of art must be labeled with the following: Age, Artist Name, Artwork Title, Artwork Medium (materials used in art), Parent's Name, Parent's Email, Parent's Phone.

Deadline:

Artwork will be collected at the Erie Community Library (400 Powers St, Erie, CO 80516), the weekend of **September 18th**. Participants will be notified of a drop-off schedule, so we may adhere to social distancing guidelines.

Location of Exhibit:

All artwork will be displayed in the Erie Community Library for the duration of one month, beginning in October. We will invite the public to view the artwork either in person (using social distancing) and through the internet.

Judging & Awards:

This juried art exhibit is intended for kids age 3-18. The artwork will be broken up into these 5 age groups: Age 3-5, 6-8, 9-11, 12-14, 15-18. The artwork in each group will be judged on the following; creativity/originality, technique, clarity of theme, and presentation. There will be awards and recognition for each age group. The public will also be invited to vote on which piece of art they believe is the best, to nominate young artists for the *People's Choice* award!

Did you know...

...there are many benefits to children creating art? Researchers say that creative pursuits help to build connections in the brain to strengthen cognitive reserve, or brain resilience, and subsequently prevent memory loss. Creating artwork can also improve fine motor skills through small, purposeful movements, which may help to prevent pain and stiffness.

This exhibit will be a fun and safe way for us to encourage the creativity within the children of our community. It's during dark times like these, that we must remember both the beautiful and positive benefits art has on the soul. Children come into this world innocent, with a desire to love, learn and to contribute. Together let's encourage their imagination and give them the freedom to express themselves for this year's theme "Creatures of Colorado". Together as a community, we can build the confidence of so many young artists.

Please help us spread the word, by forwarding this information to all local residents, so we can give our young artists the best experience possible!

If you have questions or concerns, please contact Kristi Arzola:

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Sincerely,

Erie Community Library (<https://www.mylibrary.us/>)

Erie Chamber of Commerce (<https://eriechamber.org/>)

Art by Kristi Arzola (<http://kristiarzola.com/>)