



**HOWARD COUNTY  
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**Howard County Library System  
New Art Education Collection to Launch  
at HCLS Central Branch on Saturday, March 23**

Ellicott City, MD – Howard County Library System (HCLS) will launch a new **Art Education Collection on Saturday, March 23** as a signature component of HCLS Central Branch. This new initiative is one of only a few in the nation. It is integral to HCLS' mission to promote art and cultural education for all, and create greater access and exposure to art within the community.

Designed to foster a learning environment that both inspires and supports aspirant, amateur and professional artists, the new collection includes framed artwork (prints and photographs) available for borrowing. Each artwork is accompanied by information about the artist, the piece, and tools to inspire conversation.

The nearly 300 item collection contains diverse visual styles and themes, and features artists such as Frida Kahlo, Georgia O'Keefe, Ernie Barnes, Charles Bibbs, Paul Cezanne, Mark Rothko, and Pablo Picasso. Featured within the collection is the *Images of Howard County Collection* by the late Columbia resident and photographer Donald Reichle. An avid photographer of historic buildings and structures around Maryland, Reichle documented historic buildings throughout Howard County including a number of buildings along Main Street Ellicott City. Reichle generously donated his *Images of Howard County* to Howard County Library System in 2012.

The framed artwork is packaged in protective, easy to transport bags. The collection is only available at HCLS Central Branch, and customers must be 18 years of age or older to borrow artwork. Customers may only borrow two items from the collection at any given time for a four-week period. The artwork cannot be reserved or renewed.

Special activities are planned on Saturday, March 23 from 10 am to 2 pm at HCLS Central Branch to celebrate the Library's reinvigorated focus on the importance of art and the premier of the new educational collection.

The selection of available art can be viewed in the catalog at [hclibrary.org](http://hclibrary.org).

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