

Solicitation to Oak Park Area artists for submission of artwork for  
“The Big Read: Edgar Allan Poe” Art Exhibit  
in the Oak Park Public Library Art Gallery, October 2009

**Deadline for entry – Monday, Aug. 3, 2009 at 5 p.m.**

A variety of artwork, including a select number of three-dimensional pieces, is sought. Artists who live in the tri-village area covered by the Oak Park Area Arts Council (Oak Park, River Forest, and Forest Park) are invited to submit one piece of artwork which addresses the theme “Edgar Allan Poe.” If you do not have finished artwork, please describe your art and how it relates to Poe. Artists who belong to the Oak Park Art League or the Oak Park Area Arts Council and do not live in one of the three communities are also eligible to participate.

All work submitted shall be:

- Appropriate for display in a public library environment
- All photographs/artwork must be framed. Appropriate size parameters:  
Minimum size is 8 inches by 10 inches (unframed)  
Maximum image size is 4 feet by 4 feet (unframed)

Please insert your slide or photo in a clear plastic sheet. Each slide or photo must be labeled with the following information:

Your Name, plus: Title of the piece, Medium (e. g. oils, watercolors, pencil, etc.)  
and Dimensions unframed (height x width)

Artists will be notified of acceptance by Friday, Aug. 21, 2009. All final framed artwork must be submitted to the library by Friday, Sept. 25, at 5 p.m. The show will open Friday, Oct. 2, with a reception for the artists on Saturday, Oct. 3, from 2 to 4 p.m. in the Library Gallery.

**Calendar:**

Monday, Aug. 3, 2009: Deadline for entry form and slides/photos  
Friday, Aug. 21, 2009: Artists notified of acceptance  
Friday, Sept. 25, 2009, at 5 p.m.: Artwork due to Oak Park Public Library  
Friday, Oct. 2, through Oct. 30, 2009: Exhibit open in Library Gallery  
Saturday, Oct. 3, 2009, from 2 to 4 p.m.: Reception for artists in Gallery

**Entry rules and instructions:**

No entry fee is required. Please submit one piece of work which addresses the theme, “Edgar Allan Poe,” along with a resume and entry form. Include a self-addressed, stamped envelope for return of slides or photos.

**Submit entry package to:**

Deborah Preiser, Oak Park Public Library, 834 Lake Street, Oak Park, IL 60301

Or hand deliver to:

Deborah Preiser, Administration Office – Second Floor  
Oak Park Public Library, 834 Lake Street, Oak Park, IL 60301



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Please submit with slides/photos of your artwork or a description of your planned art if it is not yet complete.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: Daytime: \_\_\_\_\_

Evening: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Artist’s Web Site: \_\_\_\_\_

The Oak Park Public Library has a large collection of titles (135 in total) on Edgar Allan Poe. Poe is valued not only for his poetry (who could forget “The Raven”). He was also a prolific writer of short stories, the creator of two literary forms that readers everywhere enjoy – the detective story and the horror thriller. Fans have enjoyed the products of his invention in magazines, in books, on TV series, and in the movies, remembers biographer Milton Meltzer.

Questions? Contact Debby Preiser at (708) 697-6915 or [dpreiser@oppl.org](mailto:dpreiser@oppl.org). Send to: Debby Preiser, Oak Park Public Library, 834 Lake Street, Oak Park, IL 60301.