



Call for Entries

Library of Virginia First Fridays

Exhibitions – Virginia Stories

The Library of Virginia was created by the General Assembly in 1823 to organize, care for, and manage the state's growing collection of books and official records. The Library is the most comprehensive collection of materials on Virginia government, history, and culture available anywhere.

VISION: The Library of Virginia will inspire, ignite imagination, create possibilities, encourage understanding, and engage Virginia's past to empower its future.

We are proud to announce the Open Call for Entries for the quarterly First Friday exhibitions- Virginia Stories.

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Please note that unfinished or wet artwork is not eligible for display and will not be displayed. Participants are required to have their artwork framed for display with the exception of stretched canvases. Artwork must be ready to hang via wire and screw hooks or D-rings for heavier pieces (weight limit 35 bs.), no sawtooth hangers or other hanging hardware. Maximum dimensions including frame, up to 65" width, 60" height. Artists should label all artwork with name, address and telephone number.

Exhibition Calendar for 2023

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This exhibition is free to enter. The Library of Virginia is an inclusive family friendly public space. The LVA Selection Committee reserves the right to select or reject any submitted work. The committee will notify the artists of exhibit approval, date assigned, and installation information. Artists must adhere to scheduled dates for hanging and removing show work. Work is to be removed before the show is over. Each exhibition hangs for 30 calendar days and must be removed by the 37th day or will be disposed of.

Each exhibiting artist is to provide labels for each piece of artwork with title, artist's name, medium, price, and contact information for customers. Labels should be 2 x 3.5" (business card size). Labels should be affixed to the back of the frame to hang below the picture frame during exhibition. Please contribute a paragraph (maximum 250 words) conveying the Virginia story told by the artwork. This story must be included in your application and the library will publish via QR code and/or print, the artwork is selected.

We suggest that the exhibiting artists send out invitations and be present to greet and talk with visitors to the First Fridays Exhibition. All sales are handled solely by the artist. It is the artist's responsibility to provide contact information for sales to the public.

Please contact ian.carmack@lva.virginia.gov with questions for additional assistance.

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The Library of Virginia, 800 East Broad Street, Richmond, Virginia 23209-

Please complete this form and email it as an attachment, with images of your submissions, to Nan Carmack at nan.carmack@lva.virginia.gov. You will receive an acknowledgment of your submission within 7 days. Image attachments should be named as follows: first and last name and artwork title (ex. JohnDoeUntitled1)

Name (First and Last)	
Email	
Phone number (including area code)	

Street Address	Apartment #
City, State	Zip code

Artwork Submission 1

Title:	
Medium:	
Dimensions in INCHES including frame (maximum 65" width, 60" height)	
Weight (maximum 35 lbs.)	
Price (if not for sale, please type NFS)	
Virginia Stories Paragraph Submission (+250 words)	

Artwork Submission 2 (optional)

Title:	
Medium:	
Dimensions in INCHES including frame (maximum 65" width, 60" height)	

Weight (maximum 35 lbs.)	
Price (if not for sale, please type NFS)	
Virginia Stories Paragraph Submission (+/250 words)	

Artwork Submission 3 (optional)

Title:	
Medium:	
Dimensions in INCHES including frame (maximum 65" width, 60" height)	
Weight (maximum 35 lbs.)	
Price (if not for sale, please type NFS)	
Virginia Stories Paragraph Submission (+/250 words)	

Artwork Submission 4 (optional)

Title:	
Medium:	
Dimensions in INCHES including frame (maximum 65" width, 60" height)	
Weight (maximum 35 lbs.)	
Price (if not for sale, please type NFS)	

Virginia Stories Paragraph Submission (+/250 words)	
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Disclaimer and Signature			
I have read and understand the Open Call for Entry Guidelines for the 2025-26 Days Exhibitions, The Library of Virginia, and agree to abide by its provisions.			
Signature		Date	