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**ANN ARBOR STREET ART FAIR  
PARTNERS IN YOUNG WRITERS PROGRAM  
& EXHIBITS ORIGINAL WORK**

**Ann Arbor, MI**—Fifteen pieces of original art work by Ann Arbor Street Art Fair artists participating in a new program for young writers is on exhibit now at the Ann Arbor District Library located at 343 South Fifth Avenue in downtown Ann Arbor. The Fair's original poster and t-shirt art from 2001-2005 is included in the exhibit, which continues in the Multi-Purpose Room during regular Library hours through July 15.

This year, in partnership with the Ann Arbor District Library, 826michigan is hosting workshops for young creative writers. Middle school students gather at the library six times throughout June to develop pieces of writing inspired by the displayed art work, and meet the artists. Student writings may explore any form of creative or expository writing, such as short story, poetry, dramatic or comedic scene, songwriting, or criticism. A reception will be held on July 7 from 7:00 P.M. to 8:30 P.M. in the Multi Purpose Room, where the students will do readings of their work, attended by artists, and free and open to the public. The writings will later be placed on exhibit with the art in the artists' booths during the Fair.

"The Library is extremely proud to celebrate its summer reading theme 'Reading Is An Art' through this collaborative exhibit with the Ann Arbor Street Art Fair and the student writers at 826michigan. This project, which allows student writers to work beside established artists to create a public exhibit, is an excellent example of community arts organizations working together and the Library is happy to be involved in the process," said Tim Grimes, Manager of the Community Relations Department at the Ann Arbor District Library.

The art work of the following artists is included in the exhibit and project: Brandon Norsted, Cali Hobgood-Lemme, Chia Harruta, David Bacharach, Frank Relle, Julie Fremuth, Kathleen Weir-West, Mike Moats, Ralph Prata, Renee Harris, Sarah Blumenschein, Steve Maxon, Xavier Nuez, and the latter Chris Roberts-Antieau, Mamie Joe, David Stabley, Deb-Fleck Stabley and Renee Harris, whose original artwork was featured on the Fair's promotional posters and t-shirts from 2001 through 2005.

According to Street Art Fair Executive Director Shary Brown, "While their art has been reproduced as striking posters and t-shirts, the original art has a level of detail and complexity that makes these one-of-a-kind pieces truly extraordinary. We're fortunate to have our artists share their talents on behalf of the Original Art Fair."

For more info, visit the Ann Arbor Street Art Fair at [www.artfair.org](http://www.artfair.org) or the Ann Arbor District Library at [www.aadl.org](http://www.aadl.org) or 826michigan at [www.826michigan.org](http://www.826michigan.org) .

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