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Lisle resident and artist Karen Karlowski (far left) views the paintings on display Friday at an opening reception for "Thunder Over Lightning."

## If you go

- **WHAT:** Gallery 777
- **WHEN:** 9:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Friday, 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday
- **WHERE:** 777 Front St.
- **INFO:** [www.lislelibrary.org](http://www.lislelibrary.org)

## Show at Gallery 777

To obtain an application to display at the district's new space, visit the library at 777 Front St. or get one online at [www.lislelibrary.org](http://www.lislelibrary.org). Applicants must live in Illinois and be age 18 or older.

# Picture-perfect library

## Lisle library introduces art gallery with expressionist paintings

By ANNA SCHIER  
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**LISLE** – Twenty nature-inspired expressionist paintings hang in a corner of the Lisle Library District where, less than a month ago, there only were blank walls.

The works are part of the district's new initiative, Gallery 777, which provides a space for the community to view art at the library.

"It's a natural fit for us," said Director of Adult Services Tatiana Weinstein, who oversaw the creation of the gallery.

Weinstein said there is no comparable place in Lisle to display artwork, and she hopes

Gallery 777 will draw people to the library who might not otherwise come.

The space's inaugural show, "Thunder Over Lightning," which opened June 1, showcases the work of three local artists – Lisle residents Karen Karlowski and Jean Paulis and Woodridge resident Patrick McDonnell. The trio use palettes, small knives and scrapers to vertically manipulate layers of paint.

The artists celebrated Friday with library staff and community members at an opening for the exhibit.

"I am really big in supporting the community that I live in," said Karlowski. "I love seeing those grassroots

things take off."

Weinstein said the gallery is open to all styles of two-dimensional artwork, and a dozen local artists have expressed interest so far. Each show runs two months. After this summer's exhibit, Gallery 777 will display the work of realist oil painter Rosemary Sieben.

"There's a lot of great talent in Lisle," Weinstein said.

Interested artists who are 18 years or older will be considered to show at the gallery after filling out an application at the library, 777 Front St., or online at [www.lislelibrary.org](http://www.lislelibrary.org). Priority will be given to Lisle residents, but applicants can live anywhere in Illinois.

Weinstein, who is a painter and has a master's degree in interdisciplinary art from Columbia College, selects which artists will be displayed.

The space is on the first floor of the library near the atrium window. It includes two walls of art and an informational wall with a works list, artist statement, submission information and guest book.

All exhibited pieces are for sale, but interested buyers must contact the artist privately.

The only cost to the district to open the space was the installation of the gallery rails.

"All the feedback has been absolutely positive," Weinstein said.

## WEEKEND FORECAST

Source: National Weather Service

Thurs.  
**H: 82**  
**L: 58**



Fri.  
**H: 74**  
**L: 55**



Sat.  
**H: 77**  
**L: 51**



Sun.  
**H: 82**  
**L: 67**

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Sunny and cooler

Sunny and slightly

Partly sunny, slight

## ON THE COVER

Karen Karlowski (from left), Tatiana Weinstein, Jean Paulis and Patrick McDonnell celebrate the opening of the Lisle Library District's Gallery 777 at a reception Friday.

