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Announcing the 2016 Inaugural Exhibitions for the New Haven Free Public Library's Ives Gallery!

NEW HAVEN – City Librarian and Director, Martha Brogan, announces the 2016 inaugural exhibitions for the New Haven Free Public Library's Ives Gallery.

- **Alana Ladson | *Queens***
January 19 – March 4, 2016
Opening Reception: February 4 at 6 pm
- **Lani Asuncion | *Journey of a Vagabond and the Stories She Tells***
March 14 – May 6, 2016
- **Abbie Rabinowitz**
May 16 – July 8, 2016
- **Lisa Hess Hesselgrave | *Beauty and Her Beast (and Other Literary Retellings)***
July 18 – September 2, 2016
- **Martha Willette Lewis**
September 12 – November 4, 2016
- **New Haven Public Schools**
November 14, 2016 – January 6, 2017

The Ives Gallery is proud to exhibit work that reflects and celebrates the rich diversity of New Haven's cultural community. As a center point of the Lower Level's arts corridor, the Ives Gallery extends from the Information Desk to the new Performance Area, punctuated by a permanent display and sitting area for perusing art books.

The Library was excited to receive proposals from artists and organizations within the greater New Haven community. Proposals were reviewed by a panel of including Kwadwo Adae, Artist, Teacher and Founder of Adae Fine Art Academy; Sharon Lovett-Graff, Branch Manager of the Mitchell Library; David Greco, Co-Founder and Executive Director of Arte, Inc.; and Johnes Ruta, Independent Curator and Art Theorist.

During the review of proposals, panelists considered artistic experience; appropriateness of the work for the Ives Gallery and public community; how the work reflects the diversity of the community and/or provides opportunity for community enrichment or engagement; applicant's readiness for an exhibition; and quality and completeness of the application.

About the New Haven Free Public Library

The New Haven Free Public Library welcomes more than 620,000 library patrons through its doors each year. The library system includes the Ives Memorial Library on the historic New Haven Green, 24/7 online services, the ReadMobile bringing books to early childhood learning centers, and four neighborhood libraries: Fair Haven, Mitchell, Wilson and Stetson.

The New Haven Free Public Library's mission is to ensure all New Haven's citizens have full and unlimited access to information and knowledge so that they may meet the needs of daily living, have opportunities for self-education, and participate successfully in self-government.

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