

Review of City Facilities for Community Gallery Use

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Overview

- The Community Arts Center at 1300 Gendy closed in 2025, resulting in less space to exhibit community art.
- The city has libraries and community centers with existing or potential gallery space that could be programmed for community art exhibits.
- There is a position in the library department that has been identified to program these spaces citywide.
- This helps address two-dimensional art exhibition needs and does not address needs for additional arts including dance, music, theater, ceramics, etc.
- The library is exploring a residence program for a variety of artists across disciplines as part of programming for the future downtown library. The downtown library will also include gallery space for visual arts and a ballroom with stage for performing arts.

Libraries

Library Name	Linear Feet
Diamond Hill/Jarvis Library	35
East Berry Library	40
East Regional Library	70
Ella Mae Shamble	50
Northwest Library	77
Southwest Regional	61
Summerglen Library	70
Vivian J. Lincoln Library	50
Total	453

Community Centers

Center Name	Linear Feet
Andrew Doc Sessions	15
Atatiana Carr Jefferson	15
Betsy Price	15
Chisholm Trail	55
Como	55
Diamond Hill	55
Eugene McCray	55
Handley Meadowbrook	55
HAWS Athletic Complex	15

Center Name	Linear Feet
MLK	55
North Tri	15
Northside	55
RD Evans	55
Riverside	55
Southside	55
Southwest	15
Sycamore	55
Thomas Place	55
Victory Forest	15
Worth Heights	15

Total Community Center linear feet estimate: 780 feet

**Total linear feet
available for two-
dimensional art exhibits
at libraries and
community centers:**

1,233 linear feet

(equivalent to 4 large galleries)

**Bonus: Community
Center display cases**

- Chisholm Trail
- Como
- Diamond Hill
- Greenbriar
- Highland Hills
- MLK
- North Tri
- RD Evans
- Riverside
- Southwest

FY25 City of Fort Worth Arts Spending

Fort Worth Public Library	FY 25 Expenses
Arts Fort Worth Contract	1,636,370
Motion Picture Licensing Corporation (MPLC)	5,880
SWANK Motion Pictures	10,450
American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers (ASCAP)	8,805
Broadcast Music Inc. (BMI)	9,163
Library Programming	28,322
Amplify817	37,586
Music Librarian Salary/Benefits	85,452
Total FWPL	\$ 1,822,028
PARD	FY 25 Expenses
Community Center arts spending for dance, culinary, theater and other arts and culture classes.	43,246
Palette Program/Graffiti Abatement	8,530
Log Cabin Village & FW Nature Center	700,972
Total PARD	\$ 752,749
Grand Total	\$ 2,574,777