

Goodman South Madison Library, 2222 S. Park St.

Find a pink snake coiled up tightly

Word Year Artist Name

Find something you could wear

Word Year Artist Name

Hawthorne Library, 2707 E. Washington Ave.

Find three foldable chairs in the middle of a dance party

Word Year Artist Name

Find a nut being guarded by a critter

Word Year Artist Name

Meadowridge Library, 5726 Raymond Rd.

Find two dragons

Word Year Artist Name

Find a whale shark that's right next to a shoe

Word Year Artist Name

Pinney Library, 516 Cottage Grove Rd.

Find a duck waiting for its turn to bathe

Word Year Artist Name

Find a Nirvana Poster

Word Year Artist Name

Sequoya Library, 4340 Tokay Blvd.

Find a postcard/mail stamp

Word Year Artist Name

Find a mystical creature wearing make-up

Word Year Artist Name

STAMPS

	Alicia Ashman Library
Central Library	Goodman South Madison Library
Hawthorne Library	Meadowridge Library
Pinney Library	Sequoya Library



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150 Artists x 150 Years

Artists were each assigned a year between 1875-2025 and a word first recorded or revised in the Dictionary that year. Their task: to transform that word into an original artwork for this milestone exhibition.

For the exhibition description, events and more visit:



Are you up for the challenge?

Do the 150 Artists x 150 Years Scavenger Hunt!

Celebrate 150 years of Madison Public Library with an artful adventure!

How it works:

1. Start at any participating library
2. Find the two featured art pieces at each location
3. Fill in the details of each piece (Word, Year, and Artist Name)
4. Visit the service desk to get your stamp - each library has its own color!
5. Collect all seven stamps to complete your hunt

When you complete the scavenger hunt you'll receive a commemorative 150th anniversary gift of your choosing (while supplies last).

Alicia Ashman Library, 733 N. High Point Rd.

Find a house on fire

Word Year Artist Name

Find the tallest piece in the show

Word Year Artist Name

Central Library, 201 W Mifflin St.

Find three fireflies glowing in the dark

Word Year Artist Name

Find a cow wearing glasses

Word Year Artist Name

EXTRA Find a 'DRIVE THRU.' Look really, really close!

Word Year Artist Name

HAWTHORNE LIBRARY

Year	Word	Artist
1875	feel-good	Adam Villegas
1876	kaboom	Alanna Stapleton
1877	musical chairs	Alice Traore
1878	full circle	Alicia Rheel
1879	wildlife	Amy Mietzel
1880	dinky	Lucija Drake
1881	cue ball	Christina Kelly
1882	time zone	Andy Rubin
1883	curiosa	Sarah Passannante
1884	pacemaker	Angela Johnson

CENTRAL LIBRARY

Year	Word	Artist
1885	razzle-dazzle	Ann Orłowski
1886	zoom	Ariel Wood
1887	radio	Aris Georgiades
1888	mason jar	Ash Armenta
1889	chain letter	Ash Lusietto
1890	tondo	Audifax
1891	mystique	Baptiste Paul
1892	spoonerism	Barb Mergen Alvarado
1893	gutsy	Barbara Landes
1894	moving picture	Barry Carlsen
1895	foamflower	bernie & zuzu
1896	luminesce	Bird Ross
1897	obsessive	Carlos Eduardo Gacharná
1898	photosynthesis	Chele isaac
1899	cloud-cuckoo-land	Chris Murphy

GOODMAN SOUTH MADISON LIBRARY

Year	Word	Artist
1900	american dream	Christina Theobald
1901	memory trace	Christine Holm
1902	flower girl	Ciara Nash
1903	everywoman	Claire Kellesvig
1904	imperial moth	Jaundy Brunswick
1905	tyrannosaurus rex	GG
1906	dream vision	Laura Owens
1907	subspace	Craig Auge
1908	bagel	Deckard Salm
1909	color wheel	Derrick Buisch
1910	starlet	Deseré Mayo
1911	hope chest	Ellie Braun

GOODMAN SOUTH MADISON LIBRARY CONTINUED

Year	Word	Artist
1912	free-range	Elyza Parker
1913	blackout	Emily Balsley
1914*	atomic bomb	Rose Heflin
1915	lifestyle	Emily Schroeder
1916	lounge lizard	Hailey McLaughlin

SEQUOYA LIBRARY

Year	Word	Artist
1917	mustard gas	Eric Baillies
1918	venn diagram	Johanna Poole
1919	love nest	Erika Koivunen
1920	flowchart	Frank Juárez
1921	abstractionism	Gabrielle Javier-Cerulli
1922	eyeshadow	Gail Simpson
1923	moon shell	Grace Olson
1924	sustainable	Hannah O'Hare Bennett
1925	dire wolf	Hannah Sandvold
1926	algorithm	Heath Matysek-Snyder
1927	graph paper	Heather Kohlmeier
1928	starburst	Henry Obeng
1929	haywire	J Myszka Lewis
1930	woven	Jack Whisenant
1931*	aha moment	James Papadopoulos
1932	guide dog	Jason Levy
1933	crunch time	Jason Ruhl

ALICIA ASHMAN LIBRARY

Year	Word	Artist
1934	antimatter	Jennifer Falkowski
1935	ecosystem	Jenie Gao
1936	den mother	Jennifer Bastian
1937	groovy	Jeremy Wineberg
1938	jitterbug	Jerry Chapa
1939	grayscale	Jerry Jordan
1940	serigraph	John Hitchcock
1941	gremlin	Juliet King
1942	catnapper	Juliette Walker
1943	white noise	Justin Bitner
1944	airwave	Kate Mead
1945	firestorm	Katherine Steichen Rosing
1946	ground zero	Kathy Walter

MEADOWRIDGE LIBRARY

Year	Word	Artist
1947	morph	Tim Sanders
1948	stuntwoman	Katrin Talbot
1949	aromatherapy	Kristin Redman
1950	dicey	Larry Stephens
1951	closed loop	Katie Hogan
1952	hawaiian shirt	Laura Damon-Moore
1953	UFO	Lauren Scanlon
1954	double helix	Lyra Evans
1955	big bang theory	Tom Zikuhr
1956	empath	Lexie Olson
1957	disco	Lillian Sizemore
1958	bigfoot	Linda Farrelly
1959	happy hour	Linda Justmann
1960	cyborg	Luis Echavarría Uribe

CENTRAL LIBRARY

Year	Word	Artist
1961	embedded	Lydia Diemer
1962	primordial soup	Mallory Stowe
1963	assemblagist	Maria Amalia Wood
1964	color field	Maria Schirmer
1965	xerox	Marianne Fairbanks
1966	muscle car	Seth Albertson
1967	flower child	mars pattern
1968	earthrise	Mary Bergs
1969	deco	Mayela Finol
1970	control freak	Megan Scheffer
1971	reboot	Michael Duffy
1972	deep ecology	Michael Velliquette
1973	gentrification	Stefan Matic
1974	transgender	Miryeong Hong
1975	download	Niki Johnson
1976	spider vein	Eric Adjetej Anang

PINNEY LIBRARY

Year	Word	Artist
1977	brewski	Paul Briskey
1978	sticky note	Philip Hassett
1979	supermoon	Poornima Moorthy
1980	voicemail	Emilee Taxman
1981	warm fuzzies	Rachael Griffin
1982	snail mail	Ray Mawst
1983*	empowered	Rebecca Vickers
1984	glass ceiling	Rodney Schreiner

PINNEY LIBRARY CONTINUED

Year	Word	Artist
1985	breakbeat	Rodrigo Carapia
1986	cocooning	Romano Johnson
1987	GIF	Ryan Sigg
1988	boomerang child	Sachi + Laura Komai
1989*	blueway	Sam Christensen
1990	greenwashing	Sara Meredith
1991	bestie	Savannah Starlin
1992	man cave	Scott Espeseth
1993	rewilding	Scott Pauli
1994	digital divide	Seth Klekamp
1995	re-gift	Shandra Bjyrd
1996	fist bump	Sharon Bjyrd
1997	money tree	Sharon Tang
1998	social networking	Sherri Shokler
1999	bling	Shlomit Kafri
2000	deep web	Sophia Abrams

CENTRAL LIBRARY

Year	Word	Artist
2001	cornhole	Spatula&Barcode
2002	airplane mode	Stephen Kennedy
2003	flash mob	Stephen Perkins
2004	supersize	TetraPAKMAN
2005	truthiness	Tobie DePauw
2006	hyper-thymesia	Toby Kaufmann-Buhler
2007	epic fail	Tom Loeser
2008	me too	Ty Springer
2009	frenemy	Vincent Mollica
2010	aha moment	Rachel Hausmann Schall
2011	ASMR	Emily Meredith Lewis
2012	micropig	Tess Stroh
2013	familyhood	Corey Dean
2014	bookaholic	Quincy Millerjohn
2015	aphantasia	Aaron Granat
2016	softscape	Rebecca Millerjohn
2017	funkify	Paul Douglas
2018	bendy	Kassandra Palmer
2019	ancestry	Thomas Olson
2020	COVID-19	Terri Messinides
2021	dark thirty	Lance Owens
2022	pinkie swear	National Velvet
2023	swear jar	Doug Fath
2024	kintsugi	Lisa Shoshany-Anderson (in memoriam)

***This piece is on display at Central Library due to the installation needs of the work.**