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American Art Books at Bentonville Public Library

Bentonville Public Library now offers a new special collection for our community, books about American art. Bentonville Library’s American Art Collection supports general interest in the Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art. Resources in BPL’s American art collection feature beautifully illustrated texts, artists’ biographies, artistic movements, critiques and American art history for adults, children and teens.

According to Bentonville Public Library Director, Hadi Dudley, “The custom collection will inspire, delight and inform lifelong learners of all ages. As we welcome a premiere art institute into our community, a natural interest in American Art will grow. Bentonville Library embraces this educational opportunity by providing important art resources for our library users.” BPL’s titles may be checked out for a three week period, using a Bentonville Library card.

The Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art library and education departments collaborated with Bentonville Library staff to assist in indentifying titles that aligned with the Museum’s collection and mission.

Specific time periods and art movements featured in Bentonville Library’s collection include: Colonial, the Hudson River School, American Landscapes, Nature and Romanticism, 19th Century, Modernism, Contemporary, Pop Art and general American art.

Specific artists featured in Bentonville Library’s collection include: John James Audubon, Thomas Eakins, Winslow Homer, John Singer Sargent, Mary Cassatt, George Bellows, Jasper Johns, Norman Rockwell, Andy Warhol, Asher B. Durand, Georgia O’Keefe and Jacob Lawrence.


Titles for youth include: 13 Artists Children Should Know / Angela Wenzel, America Through the Lens: Photographers Who Changed the Nation / Martin Sandler and Sports and American Art from Benjamin West to Andy Warhol / Allen Guttmann.

Nearly 100 American art titles were purchased for Bentonville Library’s collection with more than $4,500 in combined donations, supplementing BPL’s existing art resources. Sponsoring partners include
the Friends of the Bentonville Library, the Bentonville Library Foundation, the Arkansas State Library and the Northwest Arkansas Community Foundation.

For more information about Bentonville Library’s American Art collection, contact the reference librarian at 479-271-5976 or email hhays@bentonvillear.com.