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NEWPORT BRANCH HOSTS “LINEILLISM REVEALED” EXHIBITION

NEWPORT, KY (May 8) – Campbell County Public Library is honored to host “Lineillism Revealed,” a traveling exhibition showcasing the groundbreaking paintings of the late Jim “J.C.” Hall at the Newport Branch from Friday, May 18 through June 22.

When Mr. Hall, a local artist, suffered an intense attack of shingles in 2000, it caused him to see in vertical lines. He began painting what he saw and, in the process, created a new art technique, “Lineillism.” The technique uses vertical lines to create an image. Each acrylic painting took more than a month to complete and often require more than 500,000 brush strokes. Mr. Hall passed away in 2017.

The exhibit begins with an opening reception 6-8:30 pm Friday, May 18 and will feature a special screening of the award-winning documentary *Lines of Sight*, presented by film and exhibit creator Steve Oldfield, a Bellevue, Ky., native. The screening begins at 6:30 pm on the main level of the Newport branch and is followed by an opportunity to tour the exhibit in the lower level. Refreshments will be served. Registration is required for the reception.

The exhibit, which is partially funded by ArtsWave, includes 10 original Lineillism paintings, two original paintings by Mr. Hall in other styles, two 70-year-old works he had painted as a boy and artifacts from his former home studio. The exhibit is open to the public through Friday, June 22, at the following times:

- 1-7 pm Fridays (except for the May 18 opening reception);
- 11 am-4 pm Saturdays;
- 1-5 pm Sundays (except May 27).

There’s no need to register during regular exhibition hours.

(Image: Venice at Night by Jim "J.C." Hall. According to Lineillism Revealed creator Steve Oldfield, it's one of Mr. Hall's last works and depicts the Rialto Bridge in Venice, which was one of Mr. Hall's favorite places.)

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In the 2016-2017 fiscal year, there were 571,807 visits to the Library and more than 1.2 million items were checked out. More than 95,000 e-materials were downloaded, there were more than 2,800 programs offered (with attendance topping 58,000), and more than 24,000 calls were made to our free children's story telling phone line.

The Library makes every reasonable effort to provide equal access to all patrons. Contact access@cc-pl.org or call 859-781-6166 ext. 31 at least 72 hours before an event to arrange for accommodation. All facilities and meeting rooms are ADA compliant.

The Campbell County Public Library operates four branches. The Cold Spring Branch is located at 3920 Alexandria Pike in Cold Spring, phone 859-781-6166. The Carrico/Fort Thomas Branch is located at 1000 Highland Ave. in Fort Thomas, phone 859-572-5033. The Newport Branch is located at 901 E. Sixth St. in Newport, phone 859-572-5035. The Alexandria Branch, which opened in January 2018, is located at 8830 Alexandria Pike in Alexandria, phone 859-572-7463.

There is an Express location for pick ups and returns in Silver Grove and Melbourne.

Hours for Cold Spring, Carrico/Fort Thomas and Newport branches are 9 a.m.-9 p.m. Monday-Thursday; 9 a.m.-7 p.m. Friday; 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday; and 1-5 p.m. Sunday. Hours for Alexandria are 11 a.m.-7 p.m. Tuesday-Friday; 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday; and closed Sunday and Monday. The website address is www.cc-pl.org.