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## Longview Student Art on Display in Mahopac



Drawing by Alyse Santella.



Artwork by Kayla Graham.

A diverse selection of artwork created by students from Longview School in Brewster is now on display in the Young Arts Gallery at Mahopac Public Library. Ranging in age from 3 to 17 years old, these students have been encouraged to develop their overall creativity through individualized art teaching. This is evident in the drawings, paintings, and multi-media work produced by 23 students from this alternative school.

The Longview School exhibit will remain on view through July 6 and can be visited during regular library hours.

Longview art classes are labeled "art/creativity." While students are introduced to basic drawing and painting mediums, heavy emphasis is placed on student-initiated experimentation with ideas and materials. In fact, students are reminded again and again to be sensitive to the differences between an oil crayon sliding across a well-sized paper and a thin ink pen over watercolor; or between the rich, impasto thickness of heavy acrylic paint as opposed to a thin watercolor wash.

They are also led to become more observant and more aware of their environment and all that is contained within it. This hands-on, tactile approach provides experience of a sort often lacking in the lives

of young people who relate to one another and to their surroundings through screens.

Thus, in the current exhibit, visitors see a grade-schooler reveling in hues of blues and greens arcing across black paper; a high-schooler quickly sketching figures at a coffee shop, train stop, and on the street; and a middle-schooler creating rows of colorful robots each with its own functions and purpose.

Some classes introduce new materials or exercises; in others, students are each working on their own projects and receiving instruction when necessary. All recognize ways in which art/creativity has helped them in a variety of other pursuits.

The Longview students participating in this show are Rio Vieira, Simonne Clarke, Emma Phillips, Marcus Berichi, Adam Eichhorn, Alyse Santella, Julia Lang, Dylan Chouinard, Harry Howell, Jamie Nolf, Viola Velonis, Jordan Rienzo, Ken Russell, Ryann Weakley, Koryn Lindhjem, Max Hodge, Danyelle Becker, Hana Foulk, Kaylah Fusiak, JohnCarolo Hodge, Himuka Goto, Kayla Graham and Eliana Graham.

For more information about Longview School, visit [www.longviewschool.org](http://www.longviewschool.org).

To learn more about the Young Arts Gallery, which is located on the first floor of the Mahopac Public Library, visit [www.mahopaclibrary.org](http://www.mahopaclibrary.org) or call 845-628-2009, ext. 108.