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Tactile Art Exhibit Coming to Chicopee Public Library

Chicopee - The Chicopee Public Library is hosting a tactile art exhibit called Seven Art Movements, which is accessible to patrons who are blind or low-vision in the Henry J. Bazan Community Room from May 11 – May 25 during library hours.

Visit the library to experience various works of art in touchable 3D including: *Mona Lisa* by da Vinci, *Girl with a Pearl Earring* by Vermeer, *the Scream* by Munch, and others from various periods in art.

Laura Bovee, Director of the Chicopee Public Library, said, "I'm so thrilled that the library can bring this exhibit to Chicopee. This is a uniquely accessible and museum-quality exhibit, and I hope that everyone - whether blind, low-vision, or fully sighted - will come see it. I think it will be a great opportunity to explore the different ways people take in information or a way to begin a conversation about differences with kids, grandkids, and students."

The artwork is created by Tactile Images from Chatham, NY. The company is committed to providing tactile experiences for the blind and disabled. Images designed for touch provide the opportunity to acquire visual information independently, without relying on recorded descriptions or the interpretation of a sighted companion.

Anne Gancarz, Assistant Director of the Chicopee Public Library said, "We strive to make the library and its resources accessible to as many people as we can. The fact that we are able to bring touchable art of this quality to our community is amazing and very exciting! Please stop by to enjoy this exhibit while it's here."

If you have any questions or would like to plan a group visit please email Anne Gancarz at agancarz@cwmares.org or call Anne at 594-1800 Ext. 106

Hours:

Monday – Thursday 9am to 9pm
Friday 9am to 5pm
Saturday 9am to 4pm
Sunday Noon to 4pm