Read and Grow! Dream Garden Mural

Plattsburgh Public Library
19 Oak Street
Plattsburgh, NY 12901

“This mural is for the community and made by the community!”
-Outside Art Co-Director Julia Devine
In 1938 a proposal was put to the taxpayers that the old high school property on the corner of Oak and Brinkerhoff Street be acquired for a library. The Common Council sponsored a WPA project to remodel the building which included removing the top two stories of the building. The new Library was dedicated on August 30, 1940.

In 1973 an addition to the building was begun to accommodate the growth of the library. This addition included a large room on the Oak St. side and a smaller room on the Brinkerhoff St. side as well as a large children’s room in the basement. This addition completely covered what remained of the Old High School building.
Three Main Problems

• Lack of Parking
• Location
• Visibility/Recognition
The project began in late 2016, when Anne de la Chapelle, library director, invited Amy Guglielmo and Julia Devine from the group Outside Art to come up with an idea for the outside wall of the library facing Brinkerhoff Street. De la Chapelle had the wall to offer, the artists had the inspiration and experience. What happened next is amazing!!
Planning the Concept

The 18-by-10-foot “Read and Grow! The Dream Garden Mural,” planned for an outside wall of Plattsburgh Public Library, was designed by artist Sue Burdick-Young and inspired by “Up in the Garden and Down in the Dirt” by local children’s book author Kate Messner and Brooklyn-based illustrator Christopher Silas Neal. The Outside Art Group, led by Amy Guglielmo and Julia Devine, rounded out the initial group.
Community Comes Onboard

From the start it was determined that this project would be a whole community effort, including:

- Library staff and Board of Trustees
- Friends of the PPL
- Local Artists
- SUNY Plattsburgh Faculty and Students from the Physics Dept.
- Adirondack P-Tech
- Current Teachers from local schools
- Retired Teachers
- Community Members—Young and Young At Heart!!

**Tile Making Workshop**
3-5pm
For the Read and Grow Dream Garden Mural Project
Story time 4pm!

**Wednesday**
April 26

**Story Time**
with Kate Messner 4pm

All ages welcome!
(Kids with adult supervision.)
Plattsburgh Public Library
19 Oak Street
518.563.0921
For more info:
www.facebook.com/outsideartplattsburgh
The Fun Begins!

People showed up—some for an hour, some for the entire day!
During the day

After school!
Even the Mayor!
“Friends Day" pounding clay!
Making and glazing “dirt”!
Growing...
Adding the Technology

PHASE 2: KICK OFF! READ AND GROW! MURAL MARBLE MACHINE CAMPAIGN

SUMMER 2018 INSTALLATION

Artist Sue Young and her team are putting the finishing touches on the marble machine! We are looking for individual and business sponsors to help us complete the project. All donations welcome!

$25 Paint Can Level
$50 Street Art Level
$100 Sculpture Level
$250 Installation Level
$1000 Mural Level

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Marble Machine

Solar Battery Cover
Celebrating

Read and Grow!
Dream Garden
MURAL DEDICATION
FRIDAY OCT 27, 5:30 PM

19 Oak Street, Plattsburgh, NY 12901, (518)353-0935
Thanks to the Artists
Finished!!
Can’t Miss Us Now!