

March 24, 2021

Dear Buckland Selectboard,

As part of this spring's NEA-Big-Read-Pocumtuck Valley the Arms Library is proposing a public art project, called "Poetry in the Rain."

I am wondering if you would consider allowing me, a small group of library patrons and the Art Garden to use select locations on the sidewalks as part of this spring/summer library project.

This project entails creating stencils of curated lines from literature, and applying a biodegradable water-repellent spray to the stencils, place on sidewalks, that is invisible until it rains. When it's sunny the quotes are invisible. The spray lasts only a few months. It is low impact on the surroundings.

Individual businesses would be contacted if we wished to use their sidewalk. I've already spoken with Jane Buchanan at the Buckland Library and she is excited about the prospect.

This project has been done in a number of cities across the nation, and met with great public response. It was originally part of a MassPoetry (MassPoetry.org) and City of Boston Public Art Project.

Attached are photos of the project as it was done in Boston.

Thank you for your consideration. If you have any questions please email me at armslibrary@gmail.com.

Be well,

Laurie Wheeler

A person is using a spray bottle to apply paint to a stencil on a sidewalk. The stencil is on a piece of cardboard and has the words "[UNTITLED]", "Along the row of", and "windows" visible. The person is wearing khaki pants and brown shoes. The sidewalk is made of concrete tiles.

[UNTITLED]

Along the row of
windows





MY HOPES THE WIND DONE SCATTERED

SNOW HAS FRIZ ME

SUN HAS BAKED ME

LOOKS LIKE BETWEEN 'EM THEY DONE

TRIED TO MAKE ME

STOP LAUGHIN' STOP LOVIN' STOP LIVIN'

BUT I DON'T CARE!

I'M STILL HERE!

-LANGSTON HUGHES

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