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Heads and Tales to Appear at Rock Island Public Library

The Rock Island Public Library will host a new art exhibition starting Wednesday, April 29 and running through June 28 at the Main Library downtown, 401 19th Street. “Heads and Tales,” featuring works by Quad City artists and friends Teresa Mesich and Jeanne O’Melia, will open with a public reception featuring music and refreshments from 6 to 8:30 p.m. on April 29. Library art exhibits are free and open for viewing on the 2nd floor art gallery during regular library hours.

The eclectic show features large, expressionistic heads that portray universal aspects of human (and in some cases, animal) behavior. Jeanne O’Melia uses her sculptural talents and the recycling art medium of papier-mâché to create grand, puppet-like figures. Her co-exhibitor, Teresa Mesich, returns to a favorite subject in her idiosyncratic portraits of dogs. Many of her acrylic on canvas paintings are fanciful representations of true stories she’s collected over the years about real dogs. Her “tales” are the jumping-off place for her imagination. A short synopsis of the story accompanies each painting based on a real dog with a real “tale” to tell.

The fun and colorful show is appropriate for all ages. Mesich and O’Melia have worked together for many years, and share a gallery space, “Imagine That,” on the second floor of the Bucktown Center for the Arts, 225 E. Second Street, Davenport.

Libraries offer plenty of print, online, visual and audio resources, many of which are free with a library card. For money-saving entertainment, enlightenment and enrichment for all ages, visit the Rock Island Main, 30/31 and Southwest Branch libraries, or check the Rock Island Library online at www.ripl.lib.il.us for details about library cards, services and free events for the family.

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