

**CLEVELAND PUBLIC LIBRARY**

**Finance Committee**

February 14, 2023

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AGREEMENT WITH ART THERAPY STUDIO FOR  
ART THERAPY PROGRAMMING DURING 2023**

- WHEREAS, Art Therapy Studio is a non-profit corporation that was founded in 1967 and is dedicated to the mission of “enhancing individuals’ quality of life through therapeutic art”; and
- WHEREAS, Since 2016, the Library has contracted with Art Therapy Studio to provide art workshops to youth as a means of teaching teens self-expression through artistic media; and
- WHEREAS, On January 21, 2021, the Board of Library Trustees authorized the Library to enter into an agreement with Art Therapy Studio to provide a total of 288 group art workshops during 2021 for up to eight youth per group using a virtual meeting platform for a total fee of \$37,440; and
- WHEREAS, The Library entered into an agreement with Art Therapy Studio in June 2022 to provide a total of 144 group art workshops through January 31, 2023 for a total projected cost of \$22,393.50; and
- WHEREAS, Art Therapy Studio has proposed to enter into a new agreement to provide a total of 245 group art workshops from February 1, 2023 through January 31, 2024 for up to eight people per group at various CPL locations for a total fee of \$34,418.70, with the programming to align with the Cleveland Reads initiative by promoting literacy and relating programs with Library themes; and
- WHEREAS, The Library Administration finds Art Therapy Studio’s proposed maximum fee of \$34,418.70 to be fair and reasonable and hereby requests that the Board of Library Trustees authorize the Executive Director to enter into a contract with Art Therapy Studio for programming during 2023; now therefore be it
- RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees authorizes the Executive Director, CEO, or his designee, to enter into an agreement with Art Therapy Studio, for art therapy programming during the year 2023 for a total cost not-to-exceed \$34,418.70, which shall be charged to the Founders Fund Account 20380103-53710 (Professional Services) and which agreement shall be subject to the review and approval of the Director of Legal Affairs.