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Artist in Residence Program (AIR)
Frequently Asked Questions

What is the Artist in Residence program?
A six-month residency supporting artists to illustrate 3–4 children's books, with mentoring, cultural guidance, and industry exposure through Library For All.

How long is the residency?
6 months.

How many artists will be selected?
2 artists (timing of residencies to be confirmed).

What will I be expected to produce?
Artists will illustrate 3–4 children's books over the course of the residency.

What mentoring will I receive?
You will receive one-on-one mentoring with Library For All's Publishing Manager, focused on illustrating for children's books, including composition, consistency, and audience engagement.

How often are mentoring sessions?
Fortnightly or monthly (approx. 1 hour per session).

Will there be external mentoring opportunities?
Yes. Artists will have opportunities to connect with practising illustrators and previous Artists in Residence.

What cultural support is available?
Artists will have access to a cultural facilitator, as well as support from the Library For All team, including approximately three cultural check-ins across the residency.

Will I have opportunities to connect with other artists?
Yes. The residency includes opportunities to meet and learn from other artists and gain insight into the illustration and publishing industry.

Will my work be promoted?
Yes. Artists will be featured across Library For All's social media and digital platforms, including a dedicated profile and story/article.

Is this a paid opportunity?
Yes. Artists are paid $1,500 per book illustrated.

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What is the total payment?
Up to $6,000 depending on the number of books completed.

What else will I receive?

- Copies of the books you illustrate
- Professional exposure and portfolio development opportunities

Who owns the work created during the residency?
Library For All publications are released under a Creative Commons Attribution–Non-Commercial–No Derivatives (CC BY-NC-ND) licence.

What does this mean for my work?
This ensures that books cannot be altered or used commercially by others, protecting the cultural integrity of the stories and illustrations.

How is cultural integrity supported?
Library For All follows Indigenous Cultural and Intellectual Property (ICIP) principles and works closely with artists and cultural advisors to ensure respectful and appropriate use of stories and artwork.