

For the next few weeks, in addition to books, the Salem Library will be filled with art from students at East Washington Middle School. The art show is very diversified including landscape paintings, watercolor floral paintings, portrait and still life drawings, work inspired by Australian Aboriginal art, the artwork of the Ndebele culture of Africa and more.

The Ndebele art project is the result of crossing the curriculum between the Visual Arts and that of EWMS social studies teacher, Troy Smith.

Tim Wells, the art teacher at East Washington Middle school, stated that this is the most work he has had at one time to display because there are so many talented young artists currently attending the middle school Art classes.

Fifty six students' art is represented in this show.

Wells also said, "My students love coming to Art class. Even the ones who don't at first because of whatever reason, come around and they really get involved in doing their best on the projects. I am very proud of these kids and of this show."

Wells said this couldn't be possible with out would also like to take this opportunity to publicly thank Salem Librarian Donna Hurst and the staff at the library for their years of support of the arts in our county schools.

"As an educator, parent, and artist I know how important this kind of public display and support is to the future of keeping the arts in the curriculum and giving future generations the opportunity to see the world around them in a different and positive way which leads to creative problem solving, creativity, ability to be analytical, and on and on," Wells said. "Donna and her staff have been so helpful with hosting art yearly shows, hanging the artwork and sponsoring the openings and we are so grateful to them."