

# Headlines



## Children's Room Unveils New Murals

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The Children's Room of the Rock Island Main Library is a little more colorful these days, thanks to two oversized murals designed and painted by local children.

Unveiled January 15 in a special ceremony, the "Read" and "Ideas Afloat" murals celebrate the imaginative wonders that happen between the covers of a book. As Sue Foster, director of children's services, explained at the event, "In September of last year, we were closed for the remodeling you see here today. And as we've remodeled each of our locations, we've been able to add a mural."

The mural project was funded by a grant from Quad City Arts Dollar\$: Community Access to the Arts, funded by Illinois Arts Council, an agency of the State of Illinois, Riverboat Development Authority, Doris and Victor Day Foundation, John Deere Foundation, and Mary Iva Gittens Knouse Charitable Trust. Youngsters were asked to submit ideas for the murals and then spent the summer and early fall working with mural coordinator Gloria

Burlingame. The artists included: Lucy Adlfinger, age 8, Brianna and Brittany Marxen, age 12, Peter Moens, age 8, Hannah Walker, age 8, and Adrick Woodruff, age 10.

The Rock Island Public Library Foundation, a private foundation that supports special library programs and projects, funded the remainder of the Children's Room remodeling project. The Rock Island Public Library serves the community from three convenient locations: The Main Library at 401 19<sup>th</sup> Street; the 30/31 Branch at 3059 30<sup>th</sup> Street and the Southwest Branch, 9010 Ridgewood Road.



Artists wait to unveil their creation. From left: Hannah Walker, Brittany and Brianna Marxen, Adrick Woodruff, Lucy Adlfinger and Peter Moens.



Peter Moens and Lucy Adlfinger look over their work on the "reading critters" mural.



Brianna Marxen, Gloria Burlingame and Brittany Marxen with "Ideas Afloat."