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Lochwood Library Public Art Installed

DALLAS, TX – The City of Dallas Office of Cultural Affairs is pleased to announce two newly installed sculptures at Lochwood Library commissioned by the City of Dallas.

The artwork, done by DFW artist, Rex Kare, consists of a sculpture in the entryway and a sculpture in the main library, both suspended from the ceiling. The entryway sculpture has five intertwined ribbons. Each ribbon presents a silver-leafed stanza from William Blake's *Songs of Innocence*. The main hall sculpture is constructed from twenty overlapping ribbon-shaped strands with silver-leafed texts depicting different writing systems from around the world. Many of the alphabets are shared by multiple languages or share similar roots. "It is through this written tradition that ideas are shared, and that libraries can be repositories for the vast wealth of knowledge that has accumulated throughout history and across many cultures. This work pays homage to that tradition," states Rex Kare.

The sculptures are crafted from an environmentally responsible material reflecting the environmental design for the library. Library patrons will be able to learn about the artist and the sculptures through an educational card available in the library.

Everyone is invited to attend a tour conducted by artist, Rex Kare on:

Saturday, April 3, 2010

3:30 PM

Lochwood Library
11221 Lochwood Blvd
Dallas, Texas 75218

Lochwood Replacement Branch Library

Lochwood is a Silver Rated Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) building affirming that the building will use minimal energy and water and promote the use of renewable energy. The 19,500 square foot facility is the third Dallas Public Library to have a black box theater, 70,000 volume collection of books and media, public meeting spaces, two classrooms, and two self-checkout stations. The new Lochwood Library replaced the Casa View Library at 10355 Ferguson Road, which had been in operation since 1964.

Rex Kare

Rex Kare is a Dallas/Fort Worth painter and sculptor. He holds a B.A. from the University of Dallas and an M.F.A. from the New York Academy of Art. In addition, he is an adjunct professor at Collin County Community College and University of Dallas. More information can be found at www.karestudio.com

City of Dallas Public Art Program

The City of Dallas Public Art Program was established by ordinance in 1988. Since its inception, the Public Art Program has been administered by the City's Office of Cultural Affairs and more than 85 public art projects have

been commissioned and installed in Dallas. For more information about the city of Dallas Public art program, consult the Office of Cultural affairs website: www.dallasculture.org/PublicArt