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Story Art ***Works by Regional Book Illustrators***

Curated by Jeffrey Ebbeler

November 14—December 12, 2025
Pearlman and McClure Galleries, Art Academy of Cincinnati
1212 Jackson St.
Cincinnati, OH 45202

Public Reception: Friday, November 14, 2025, 5—8pm

The Art Academy of Cincinnati is pleased to present *Story Art*, a group exhibition featuring picture book illustrators from Ohio, Indiana and Kentucky.

About the exhibition: This exhibition celebrates the breadth and variety of talented book illustrators in our region, featuring illustrations made with traditional painting, digitally produced art, photography, and sculptures, as well as a display of the printed books that the illustrations are from. There will also be examples of process material, such as sketches, studies and storyboards.

Every year, Cincinnati hosts the *Books by the Banks* festival, bringing hundreds of accomplished regional and national authors and illustrators to the Main branch of the Cincinnati Library. *Story Art* will open the same weekend as the festival, and will include many authors participating in *Books by the Banks*. This exhibition offers students of the Art Academy and the wider community the opportunity to view the artistry and process of bringing story books to life.

Artists included in the exhibition: Erin Barker, Keturah Bobo, Tim Bowers, Jane Dippold, Jeffrey Ebbeler, David FitzSimmons, Barry Gott, Jacob Grant, Fern Haught, Will Hillenbrand, Tara Calahan King, Terri Libenson, Loren Long, Tammy Lyon, Katie Mazeika, T.L. McBeth, Wes Molebash, Debbie Palen, C.F. Payne, Merrill Rainey, Rafael Rosado, Blyth Russo, Chris Sickles, Joe Sutphin, Christina Wald, Lindsay Ward, Deann Wiley

About the curator: Jeffrey Ebbeler is a New York Times best-selling illustrator. He has illustrated and occasionally written over 60 books for young readers. His published work includes picture books, middle grade and chapter books, and graphic novels. He teaches illustration at the Art Academy of Cincinnati, and is also an AAC alum.



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Gallery Hours:

Monday through Friday 9am—9pm, Saturday and Sunday 9am—5pm
(Closed November 26—28)

Gallery admission and reception are free and open to the public

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