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The Central Minnesota Arts Board awards a Public Art Grant to City of Waite Park

At their October meeting, the Central MN Arts Board (CMAB) awarded The City of Waite Park \$2,460 for Poetry Sidewalks to be created in a Reading Garden at the public library. Children and adults of the city will create the poems.

The CMAB Public Art Grant program provides funds for the completion of well-planned works of public art that are accessible to the general public and supported by the community. An organization must provide a minimum of 20% in matching funds. Public Art Grant funds are provided through Minnesota's Arts & Culture Legacy Fund.

The Poetry Sidewalks will be an addition to a reading garden that will provide a place where children and adults can relax and read in a peaceful setting. The poems scattered throughout the reading garden will be a unique characterization and reflect the people of the community.

The Central Minnesota Arts Board supports collaborative and innovative arts opportunities through partnerships and financial investments in Benton, Sherburne, Stearns, and Wright counties as one of eleven Regional Arts Councils designated by the Minnesota State Arts Board. The CMAB works with community partners to increase access to the unique cultural assets of Minnesota.

For more information about the Central MN Arts Board grant opportunities and services go to www.centralmnartsboard.org or call the office at 320-968-4290 or toll free at 1-866-345-7140.