

**CLEVELAND PUBLIC LIBRARY**

**Finance Committee**

January 19, 2021

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AGREEMENT WITH ART THERAPY STUDIO FOR  
ART THERAPY PROGRAMMING DURING 2021**

WHEREAS, Art Therapy Studio is a non-profit corporation that was founded in 1967 and is dedicated to the mission of “enhancing individuals’ quality of life through therapeutic art”; and

WHEREAS, Since 2016, the Library has contracted with Art Therapy Studio to provide art workshops to youth as a means of teaching teens self-expression through artistic media; and

WHEREAS, On January 16, 2020, the Board of Library Trustees authorized the Library to enter into an agreement with Art Therapy Studio to provide a total of 288 group art workshops during 2020 for up to eight youth per group at the Library’s East 131<sup>st</sup> Street, Hough, Sterling, and West Park branches for a total fee of \$37,376; and

WHEREAS, Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the Library’s closure in the Spring of 2020, the Library and Art Therapy Studio were not able to provide all 288 group art workshops as originally planned. Upon reopening, the Library and Art Therapy Studio provided workshops virtually to participants; and

WHEREAS, Art Therapy Studio has proposed to provide a total of 288 group art workshops during 2021 for up to eight youth per group using a virtual meeting platform for a total fee of \$37,440; and

WHEREAS, The Library Administration finds Art Therapy Studio’s proposed fee of \$37,440 to be fair and reasonable and hereby requests that the Board of Library Trustees authorize the Executive Director to enter into a contract with Art Therapy Studio for programming during 2021; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees authorizes the Executive Director, CEO, or his designee, to enter into an agreement with Art Therapy Studio, for art therapy programming during the year 2021 for a total cost not-to-exceed \$37,440, which shall be charged to the Founders Fund Account 20380103-53710 (Professional Services) and which agreement shall be subject to the review and approval of the Director of Legal Affairs.