

Welcome to the 2025-2026 Travelling Exhibitions Northwest Program! Below you'll find some quick, helpful descriptions of what the program is and why it could work for your space.

WHAT is the *Travelling Exhibitions (Trex)* Program?

The Alberta Foundation for the Arts (AFA) has supported a provincial travelling exhibitions (Trex) program since 1981 to provide as many communities as possible across Alberta with the opportunity to see high calibre visual art exhibitions. Exhibition themes are varied to suit every audience, with historic and contemporary artwork in a wide range of media. Each exhibition comes with an educator's guide that provides exhibition details, curriculum connections, creative lesson plans, and relevant historical information. Exhibitions are designed for ease of handling and may be displayed in different ways depending on the type and amount of space available.

WHO is *Trex* for?

Trex partners with community venues including schools, libraries, theaters, archives, museums, community centres, tourism centres, hospitals and health centres. For a list of some of our previous venue partners, see the reverse side of this page. Trex shows are designed to be adapted to different spaces, and to be incorporated into community programming and school lesson plans easily.



From the exhibition *Heaven Can Wait* at Grande Prairie Public Library

WHY book *Trex* programs?

A large goal of the Trex program is to deliver engaging art experiences directly into communities, especially those outside of major city centres, with minimal cost to the venues. Exposure to art has immense social and cultural benefits for communities, including encouraging literacy, illuminating new social perspectives, promoting curiosity and higher learning, supporting general well-being, nurturing volunteerism and community caring, creating inter-cultural dialogue, and strengthening quality of life. Trex educational guides offer further avenues of community engagement and learning as well. See statements from our previous venue on the reverse side.

HOW do bookings work?

The Trex program covers almost all costs associated with the exhibitions, including shipping and insurance. There is only a 75\$ administrative fee for each month-long exhibition booking. This year we have 14 diverse exhibitions to choose from, which can be found in the 2025-2026 Trex NW booking catalogue. To book an exhibit, simply fill in the request form located at AGGP.CA and email it to Curator/Manager Jamie-Lee Cormier at jamie-lee@aggp.ca



From the exhibit *Fantastic World*, at Art Gallery of Grande Prairie.

Statistics and Further Details on TREN Northwest

Some of TREN NW Previous Venues Include:

Dawson Creek Art Gallery, Dawson Creek; Fairview Public Library, Fairview; Fort Vermilion Library, Fort Vermilion; Fox Creek Library, Fox Creek; Grande Cache Tourism & Interpretive Centre, Grande Cache; Grande Prairie Public Library, Grande Prairie; Grande Prairie Museum, Grande Prairie; Grimshaw Library, Grimshaw; Jasper Community Habitat for the Arts, Jasper; Kinuso Municipal Library, Kinuso; Kiwanis Performing Arts Centre, Dawson Creek; Mackenzie Crossroads Museum & Visitors Centre, High Level; McLennan Library, McLennan; Northern Addictions Centre, Grande Prairie; Northern Rockies Museum, Hinton; Peace River Art Club, Peace River; Peace River Municipal Library & Art Gallery, Peace River; Peace River Museum, Peace River; Rotary Club of Slave Lake Public Library, Slave Lake.

TREN programs are viewed by over 500,000 people annually across the province.

Venue Statements:

"Everyone LOVED this exhibition and commented on how beautiful all of the art work is. One piece that stood out in particular was "another empty dress" by Laurie McCallum." (About TREN Storytelling, 2023/2024)

"Such a relatable and accessible collection – those of us with 'companion species' of our own at home appreciated all the personalities captured." (About TREN Companion Species 2023/2024)

"This exhibition was amazing! Our students enjoyed the photos and the scavenger hunt. Some of our classes completed the response to art activities! Thank you!" (About TREN Mysterious Forest Life 2024/2025)