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Library Announces Jo Israelson as Second Sculptor for Library Park

Westminster, MD—Carroll County Public Library announces the selection of local artist Jo Israelson as the second sculptor for the Mary Lou Dewey Sculpture Park at the Westminster Branch.

Jo Israelson has worked for over 20 years as a stone sculptor, beginning with limestone and marble to depict images whose roots were derived from ancient cultures. Her work evolved to site-specific pieces and explorations of temporality, often documenting her work with video. An educator and community-based artist, she worked previously as a State of Maryland Artist in Residence. Israelson's *Dovecote: 365 Prayers for Peace* was selected as the First Place winner of the first Biennial Maryland Regional Juried Art Exhibit from more than 1,000 works submitted. The award-winning piece is on display at the University of Maryland University College through October 16. For more information about the artist, visit <http://www.joisraelson.com/>.

The sculpture will be the second added to the Mary Lou Dewey Sculpture Park at the Westminster Branch. The announcement comes a year after the installation of the first sculpture, *Wild Imaginings* by local sculptor Bart Walter.

The park benefits from the Friends of the Mary Lou Dewey Sculpture Park, a fund of the Community Foundation of Carroll County, Inc. The purpose of the Friends of the Mary Lou Dewey Sculpture Park is to assist in the purchase and placement of new sculptures for the park. In addition, funds also assist in the maintenance, beautification, and activities of the Mary Lou Dewey Sculpture Park. To contribute to the fund email cfccinfo@carrollcommunityfoundation.org or visit the web page <http://www.carrollcommunityfoundation.org>.

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