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Lyman Allyn Art Museum

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### **LYMAN ALLYN ART MUSEUM ANNOUNCES STATEWIDE LIBRARY PASS PROGRAM** **EXPANDING FREE PUBLIC ACCESS**

**New London** – The Lyman Allyn Art Museum announces a new statewide access initiative made possible through the generous support of the Edward and Mary Lord Foundation. Through this support, the Foundation has underwritten free Lyman Allyn Art Museum passes for all public libraries across the State of Connecticut, expanding access to the Museum’s collections, exhibitions, and programs for communities statewide.

At a time when public funding for museums and libraries is increasingly constrained, this partnership represents a significant investment in equitable access to the arts and education. By expanding free admission through Connecticut’s public libraries, the initiative reinforces the vital role these institutions play in lifelong learning and cultural engagement.

In supporting this expanded access, the Edward and Mary Lord Foundation is strengthening educational institutions, ensuring that residents across the state can continue to connect with cultural resources.

“Museums and libraries are cultural ‘cousins’ in our shared desires to enrich, educate, and illuminate the lives of our patrons,” said Eileen Donovan, Director of Learning and Engagement at the Lyman Allyn. “We are so pleased that library patrons from across the state will be able to visit Lyman Allyn with the new passes.”

An availability date is yet to be announced, but public library members can expect to see Lyman Allyn passes delivered to their local public libraries by mid-March 2026.

#### **About the Edward and Mary Lord Foundation**

It is the Mission of The Edward and Mary Lord Foundation to financially support programs and capital projects of local non-profit organizations who provide services to New London County, Connecticut populations of elderly persons, children and programs involved in community health care. The Mission also seeks to provide support to the local arts and cultural community. In addition, the Foundation provides support to local community colleges with endowment and scholarship funding. Through this philanthropy, it is the goal of The Edward and Mary Lord Foundation to improve the immediate welfare of the target



populations as well as to make a worthwhile impact on their future welfare and that of our community.



### **About Lyman Allyn Art Museum**

Lyman Allyn Art Museum welcomes visitors from New London, southeastern Connecticut and all over the world. Established in 1926 with a gift from Harriet Allyn in memory of her seafaring father, the Museum opened the doors of its beautiful neoclassical building surrounded by 12 acres of green space in 1932. Today it presents several changing exhibitions each year and houses a fascinating collection of over 20,000 objects from ancient times to the present, including art from Africa, Asia, the Americas and Europe, with particularly strong collections of American paintings, decorative arts and Victorian toys and doll houses.

The museum is located at 625 Williams Street, New London, Connecticut, exit 83 off I-95. It is open **Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. and Sundays 1 - 5 p.m.**, and closed on Mondays and major holidays. For more information call 860.443.2545, ext. 2129 or visit [www.lymanallyn.org](http://www.lymanallyn.org).