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EXHIBITION SCHEDULE
September 3, 2019–June 1, 2020; West Virginia University, Downtown Campus Library
January 15–May 19, 2021; Appalachian State University
July 1–December 1, 2021; West Virginia Library Commission
January 15–May 15, 2022; West Virginia University, Beckley Campus Library
July 1–December 15, 2022; West Virginia University, Keyser Campus Library

ADDITIONAL PROGRAMS SCHEDULE

OPENING RECEPTION
Milano Reading Room
September 3, 2019, 5–7pm
Live music by Chris Hardin and Travis Stithening; Interactive games designed by collaborative teams of art, media, and computer science students in the spring 2019, inspired by West Virginia History.

CAMPUS ART CRAWL
September 27, 2019, 1–5pm
Put the Downtown Campus Library and Appalachian Futures Exhibit on your list of places to see during the Art Crawl.

WOMEN OF APPALACHIA SPOKEN WORD EVENT
Downtown Campus Library, Milano Room
October 19, 2019, 1–3pm
Women of Appalachia is a traveling series—the annual traveling series—the Women Speak project, which features residents who submit writing from Appalachian counties and were selected to be featured in “Women Speak.”

WOMEN OF APPALACHIA: INVITATIONAL EXHIBITION FOR WOMEN’S HISTORY MONTH
Downtown Campus Library, Room 1020
March 2020
Women of Appalachia Art Project is a program curated by Kari Gunther-Seymour, Instructor in the School of Journalism at Ohio University and is the Poet Laureate for Athens, Ohio. This special exhibit includes work selected by Gunther-Seymour from the 10th anniversary exhibit in 2019.

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Appalachian Futures addresses popular narratives about Appalachia in a new way. We present the people of Appalachia who are working to rewrite their own stories beyond limiting definitions of what it means to be in these mountains, and present those stories through scholarly research, art, and civic action. You might find yourself asking:

*How diverse is Appalachia? How do different ways of being affect our outlook on our region’s way forward?*

*What is the relationship between industry, technology and our natural environment in a healthy future?*

*What forms of education and other literacies can we draw upon to move from a difficult economic past to a more prosperous future?*

*How can our traditions from the past frame a distinctly Appalachian future?*

*How can the wildest visions of Appalachia help us expand our sense of what is possible?*

These questions might lead to big ideas, bold dreams, or wild visions. They might even lead us collectively to a better Appalachian Future.

Appalachian Futures is the second annual collaborative, multidisciplinary exhibit exploring key issues in our region, produced by the WVU Libraries’ Art in the Libraries program. Contributors include WVU and regional scholars, community groups and artists. A soundtrack by Gangstagrass is downloadable online. A complete list of contributors is also available online at exhibits.lib.wvu.edu/gallery_futures.

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- **June 30, 2020–December 15, 2020**
  - Marshall University Libraries
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  - Appalachian State University
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