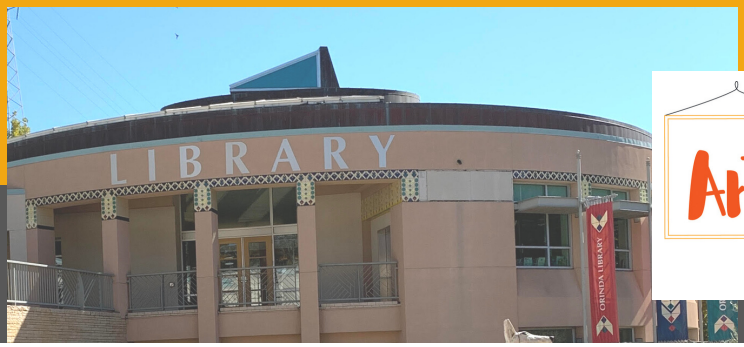

Art Gallery at the ORINDA LIBRARY

Lamorinda Arts Alliance
"Inspired by the Greats"

December 2021 Featured Artists

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VW Remember Me by Susan Erickson
40" x 36" mixed media on wood

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Homage to Vermeer by Alys Briggs
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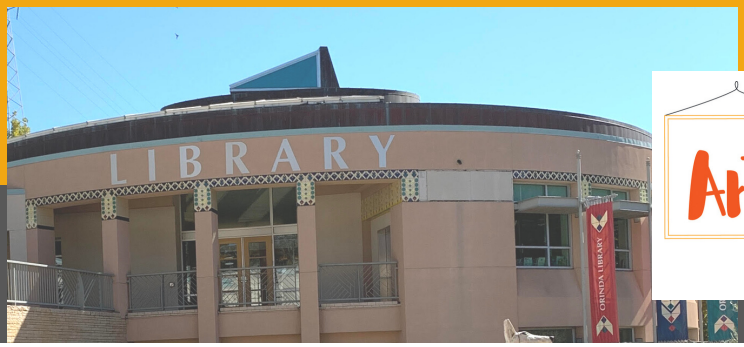

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