



Horse Play Foals and Horses Prance into Our Public Libraries **Partnership with Libraries Ensures Wide Audiences**

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Lexington, KY, June 10, 2010 – Foals will be trotting into Lexington's public libraries on July 1!

LexArts Inc. and the Lexington Public Library are pleased to announce that Horse Play – the offshoot of Horse Mania 2010 – will be exhibited at the six public libraries throughout Lexington.

"The unique arrangement was a win-win situation for the Horse Play participants and for the libraries," said James M. Clark, President and CEO of LexArts. "We wanted the foals grouped where the public had easy access, but where they would also be protected. We were delighted when the Library agreed to house them." He noted that since the smaller size of the foals made them slightly more delicate, they would be exhibited inside the libraries, while the full-size horses would be located outside each branch.

Horse Play is an imaginative combination of kids, art and horses that will benefit arts programs in the public schools. All Fayette County public and private schools were eligible to participate. The 50 foals were designed and implemented by elementary and middle school students, with the 7 full-size horses created by high school students.

"Lexington Public Library is thrilled to work with LexArts in presenting Horse Play to our community," said Martha White, Lexington Public Library Acting Director. "Our six locations, extensive operating hours and ready-made audience of parents and children are a perfect combination for allowing more people to see these beautiful student artworks in safe and inviting environments." She encouraged visitors to Horse Play to check out the many books and movies about horses that can be borrowed at no cost, and taken home the same day, with a Lexington Public Library card.

Designed on the same principal as Horse Mania 2010, the decorated Horse Play fiberglass horses and foals will be proudly displayed at the library branches from July 1 through October. In February 2011, they will be auctioned to benefit each school's art programs, as well as youth-related arts and arts education programs.

About LexArts

LexArts is a nonprofit community organization that works for the development of a strong and vibrant arts community as a means of enhancing the quality of life in central Kentucky. Through its annual *Fund for the Arts*, LexArts raises millions of dollars in support of local arts. In turn, LexArts underwrites the operating expenses for a variety of Partner Organizations, offers affordable exhibition and performance space for arts organizations, as well as competitive grants for community outreach projects. Visit LexArts website at www.lexarts.org. Major support for LexArts programs and services is provided by the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government. The Kentucky Arts Council, the state arts agency, supports LexArts with state tax dollars and federal funding from the National Endowment for the Arts.