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## CULTURE AND ART ON DISPLAY AT LIBRARY

*Downtown Huntsville Library welcomes National First Class Painter of China, Guangming Wang*

HUNTSVILLE (August 23, 2016) – Thanks to the Confucius Institute at Alabama A&M University, the public will have a firsthand look into an ancient culture when Guangming Wang, the National First Class Painter of China, makes his U.S. exhibition debut at the Downtown Huntsville Library, 915 Monroe Street in Huntsville, on Thursday, Sept. 15, at 6 p.m. Wang will demonstrate traditional Chinese ink wash painting techniques near his new gallery display in the library atrium. A reception will be held in his honor at 7 p.m. in the Auditorium.

“We are proud to offer diverse programs that reflect the diversity of our community,” said Adult Program Coordinator Suzanne Flynn. “Mr. Wang is a master of his craft and we are not only lucky to have work from this world-class talent on display at the library, but visitors also get to see a master painter create a work of art in person.”

Wang currently holds the title of National First Class Painter. Additionally, he is a member of the China Artists Association, the vice president of the Academy of Painting in Capital Museum, a supervisor of senior workshop of Calligraphy and Painting in Tsinghua University, a supervisor of senior workshop in the School of Art in Renmin University of China, the curator of Guangming Museum, a member of the Council of Anhui Artists Association, and a member of the Council of Anhui Chinese Painting Institute.

Chinese painting is a tradition that has developed over the course of a thousand years. Wang studied the traditional theory and techniques and developed his own unique techniques and style through hard work and practices. Wang’s specialty is figure (character) painting; the characters in his paintings are both graceful and spectacular.

This program is free and open to the public. Light refreshments will be served. Please contact [asprogramming@hmcpl.org](mailto:asprogramming@hmcpl.org) if you have any questions.

### **About Huntsville-Madison County Public Library**

**This is the public's library.** Huntsville-Madison County Public Library (HMCPL) is a nonprofit 12-branch system that serves all of Madison County. For nearly 200 years, the library has been dedicated to enriching the educational, recreational and cultural lives of communities in Madison County through materials, information and programs that foster a lifelong love of learning. In addition to the collection of over 500,000 items, HMCPL also provides outreach services, a BookMobile and Book Bike, online services, training, an extensive digital collection, public-use computers, free Wi-Fi, meeting spaces and much more. For more information about HMCPL and its services, please visit [www.hmcpl.org](http://www.hmcpl.org).

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