

Connellsville author is showcased at law library

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The Fayette County Courthouse law library is showcasing works from local artists.

Connellsville author Ceane O'Hanlon-Lincoln is the second artist to be featured.

O'Hanlon-Lincoln penned the County Chronicle series of books.

The three volumes feature stories of local history.

O'Hanlon-Lincoln first focused on writing historical fiction and screenplays. Two of her works were honored at the Robert Redford Sundance Institute.

She also has written mystery novels, numerous short stories and touched on poetry.

O'Hanlon-Lincoln is winner of an Editor's Choice Award for her poetry. She also received the Athena Award in 2004 from the Greater Connellsville Chamber of Commerce.

"The Athena means more to me than any other honor, since it's from my hometown," O'Hanlon-Lincoln said.

O'Hanlon-Lincoln has completed County Chronicles I, II, and III, and is presently finishing the fourth in the series which she hopes to have in circulation by the end of the year.

Connellsville artist Helen Alt was the first to have her work on display at the law library. It included paintings she created for the covers of the County Chronicle series, so a progression to feature the books seemed logical, said Barbara Pasqua, assistant law librarian.

"Several people did come to see Helen Alt's work," Pasqua said. "We thought it would be appropriate to display the works of the author herself."

O'Hanlon-Lincoln's work will be displayed now through the end of July.

"I have a special admiration for our courthouse here and our library," said O'Hanlon-Lincoln. "I'm so proud of this and it's really such an honor for me. People here at the courthouse have always been so nice to me, and I'm just so grateful."

Pasqua and law librarian Barry Blaine hope to continue the displays.

"There is so much to offer here in Fayette County," Pasqua said. "We think it's time to showcase some of that talent and let people know what's out there. Ceane has a lot to say in her books and she's very knowledgeable. Displaying her work and the work of others in the area is just what we need in Fayette County."