The Bristol Public Library’s Children’s Mural: Your KEY to a World of Imagination

Artist D.R. Mullins calls his painting a “cultural narrative mural.” For each continent of the world, there is a clock ticking away the time as well as a depiction of the timeless elements—the geography and architecture; the reading, dancing, playing people—that inhabit each of these parts of the world and help tells its stories.

Mullins says, “I hope the mural will stimulate a child’s imagination and creativity, but most of all leave them happy and inspired.”

These places and people are out there awaiting your discovery!

Appalachian America

From the mountains to the cities, from the ballads to the feet-stomping rhythms, from the banjo to the jazz band, it all comes from the same stream flowing from summer to old age and back again—writing the book of your life.

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Europe
Rapunzel lets her hair down to a gypsy fiddler, there’s ‘football’ near the sword in the stone, pirates have Nessie all loched up, and the Eiffel Tower says “bonjour” to the Matterhorn.

Middle East
The genie grants wishes as you wander through the mosque, past the minaret, stopping at the Tower of Babel or the pyramids & riddle the sphinx.

Africa
Framed by Kente cloths, the sub-Saharan savanna with its baobab trees & thatched huts, the king of beasts frolics with friends under the watchful gaze of warriors from Benin.

Latin America
Take a swing at the piñata, hear some mariachi music & make your way past the parrot & terracotta into the ancient Aztec & Mayan civilizations & up into the Inca ruins of Machu Picchu.

Australia
Nothing says “down under” better than a kangaroo with a joey in the pouch & a boomerang, standing amid Aboriginal art & totem poles.

East Asia
From high atop snow-capped Mt. Fuji, a solitary Buddha meditates above a Chinese New Year celebration joined by the elephant-headed Hindu deity Ganesh and colorful dragons, lotuses, tigers & peacocks.

The Arctic World
The polar regions north & south are home to Inuit, penguins, polar bears, & seal whose beach is an iceberg.