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### **SIRE LYRE’S WORLD OF WONDERS ON EXHIBIT AT THE BAY COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY**

(Panama City, Fla.) Salutations Adventurers! Sire Lyre’s “World of Wonders” is on exhibit at the Bay County Public Library throughout the months of August and September. Oregon artist, Christopher Smith, has created Sire Lyre’s world to include unique, hand-drawn maps and characters for tabletop Role Playing Games (RPG). Dungeons & Dragons is a well-known example of a tabletop RPG.

Smith’s detailed, geometric environments are reminiscent of M.C. Escher’s mazes. The rich narrative correlating with each image will transport you into fantastical realms, such as the Sherbert Caverns filled with pastel stalagmites and a plethora of bizarre creatures. The featured characters are often steeped in global folklore and appear quite whimsical for a creature who has the potential to harm to your game character. The element of storytelling and exquisite visuals are well worth the visit, even if you are not a gamer.

“Growing up in the early 1990’s has heavily influenced the stylistic quality of my work. Being an admirer of classic Super Nintendo Entertainment System titles such as Earthbound, Chrono Trigger and The Legend of Zelda, has enormously shaped my cartography skills and color palette. These intricate details left an impression on me as child and today I want to continue in their footsteps as someone who’s dedicated to integrity,” shares Christopher Smith, “Each isometric map starts off as a pencil drawing that is then scanned and digitally painted. Roughly each map, from start to finish, clocks in at 50+ hours of work. This is certainly a labor of love.”

The exhibit is located in the Youth Services gallery and the Adult Services gallery spaces. The display case includes drawing materials, figurines, maps, and more to further enhance the experience. An interactive component to draw your own map using dice is also with the display case. Participants can share their illustrated maps on social media by tagging the post with #NWRLS and #SireLyre.

The Bay County Public Library is located at 898 W. 11<sup>th</sup> Street, Panama City FL 32401. Sire Lyre’s “World of Wonders” exhibit is on view during all open library hours: Monday – Wednesday (9:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.) and Thursday – Saturday (9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.). For more information about the exhibit or library programming, contact the library at 850-522-2100 or visit [www.nwrls.com](http://www.nwrls.com).

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