The Lawrence Headquarters Branch of the Mercer County Library System is holding their 11th Annual TrashedArt contest. Remake, Reuse and Renew the items you would recycle or throw in the trash into something unique and beautiful and rethink the usefulness of garbage.

CONTEST GUIDELINES:
Open to artists in grades 7–12 and adults residing in Mercer County. One entry per artist.

Entries must be original artwork and no larger than 3' x 3' x 3' and no heavier than 25 lbs.

Entries must use a minimum of 75% recycled content – metals, paper, rubber, glass (please, no sharp shards), plastic, cloth. The criteria for recycled is something that has been manufactured and would be otherwise thrown away. Non-recyclable materials such as glue, paint, tape, etc. are permitted. Suggestions: newspapers, fabric from old clothing, machine parts, used building materials. For the purposes of this contest, natural materials such as rocks, dirt, bones, and sticks are not considered recycled.

All accepted art entries will be publicly displayed throughout the Lawrence Headquarters Branch starting on Wednesday, April 1, 2020. Entries will be judged on creativity, originality and artistic merit. Judging will take place before Wednesday, April 15, and winners will be notified by email. Awards will be given for first, second, and third place in both adult and high-school age categories.

HOW TO ENTER:
Please register before 8:30 pm on Wednesday, March 18.

To register, please contact Julia Cuddahy at 609-883-8292 or jcuddahy@mcl.org.

Entries must be dropped off between: Wednesday, March 18, and Wednesday, March 25.
Fill out the TrashedArt Contest Entry Form below and submit it along with your artwork to Julia Cuddahy, Lawrence Headquarters Branch Library, Reference Department. All entries must be delivered to the Lawrence Headquarters Branch Library, 2751 Brunswick Pike before 8:30 pm on Wednesday, March 25. A copy of the entry form must be taped to the back of artwork. If unable to deliver your entry during this time, please contact Julia Cuddahy, 609-883-8292 or jcuddahy@mcl.org to make other arrangements.

Entries must be picked up by 4:30 pm on Sunday, May 3. If prior arrangements have not been made, any unclaimed entries will become the property of the library.

The Mercer County Library System will not be held responsible for any damage, theft or loss to art entries.