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Press Release

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Fresno County Public Library to Unveil New Leo Politi Art

The Fresno County Public Library will unveil recently-donated artwork by Leo Politi on Thursday, November 16, at 5:00 PM. This event will take place at FCPL's Politi Branch, located at 5771 N. First Street (southwest corner of First Street and Bullard Avenue).

Fresno-born Politi (1908-1996) was a nationally-prominent artist and children's book author. The branch was named in his honor and houses a large collection of his work. The new additions were donated by David and Barbara Rice and their daughter, Amanda Abarbanel-Rice.

David and Barbara's parents, Edmund and Jeanne Rice, were longtime Los Angeles friends of Politi and acquired their collection over a period of years. The donation includes three large pieces of art; hand-drawn holiday cards, letters and sketches; and a copy of Politi's first book, *Little Pancho*.

"Unique treasures like this are so hard to come by. FCPL is honored beyond words to receive these beautiful items, and grateful to honor one of Fresno's own by giving these items a home for all to enjoy," said County Librarian Kelley Landano.

To learn more about Library programs, services, and specific branch hours, please go to www.fresnolibrary.org, or call the Library at (559) 600-READ (7323).

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