



May 11, 2018

Art is what you see. Jobs are what we do.

Diane Stoddard, Assistant City Manager and  
The Lawrence City Commission  
6 E. 6<sup>th</sup> St.  
Lawrence Kansas 66044

Dear Diane and City Commissioners,

I am writing to correct the record and clear up some misunderstanding regarding the Van Go library mural, "Pages in Time."

In 2004, the Library Board (in honor of its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary) and the Sesquicentennial Committee (in honor of Lawrence's 150 birthday) commissioned Van Go to create a 3-panel canvas mural which hung on the Library's South side exterior for 11 years.

Understanding that a significant renovation would take place, the decision was made to put the mural on moveable canvas panels so it could be preserved.

At the completion of the Library's renovation in 2015, Van Go advocated for the panels to be re-hung **INSIDE** the new facility. There was **never** a request, nor any discussion, that the mural be re-hung on the exterior of the newly renovated facility.

How this erroneous information has arrived into the public sphere is a complete mystery to us and we are frankly dismayed by being placed in the "middle" of a controversy not of our choosing.

While our original desire was for the mural to be displayed **inside** the Lawrence Public Library, we are now thrilled with its new public venue. The City of Lawrence recently "adopted" the mural and is featuring it prominently of the first floor of City Hall.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Lynne Green", written over a blue horizontal line.

Lynne Green  
Executive Director  
Van Go Inc.

