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CHAIR OF THE MONTH AUCTION

**SHOWCASES LOCAL
ARTISTS**

**HELPS STUDENTS
(Champaign-Urbana, IL)**



The Reading Group, Champaign County's only not-for-profit learning center, is holding a Chair of the Month Art Auction. Local artist Siti Mariah Jackson, whose artworks are displayed in more than 400 public and private collections in the USA and throughout the world, has painted two Egyptian-themed chairs and stools for the cause. These items can be found on display in downtown Champaign at Wind Water & Light Gallery during the month of September. A silent auction will take place throughout the month and actual bids can be placed online at the Reading Group website. Additionally, interested buyers can place a bid *anytime* during September at The Reading Group or Wind Water & Light Gallery.

All proceeds go to The Reading Group's scholarship fund, which gives full & partial scholarships to students with academic & financial need so they can receive our highly-specialized, one-on-one instruction. Stop by Wind Water & Light Gallery to discover a local artist and bid on beautiful and quality pieces of artwork!

To learn more about The Reading Group and its many programs, call 217-367-0914 or visit their website, <http://www.readinggroup.org>. The Reading Group is located at #6 Lincoln Square in Urbana.