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### PARK TUDOR PANEL TO FEATURE LOCAL ART AND LITERACY PROJECT

**INDIANAPOLIS, IN—October 1, 2015**—The Public Collection, a public art and literacy project developed by Rachel M. Simon, will be the focus of a panel discussion at Park Tudor, 7200 N. College Avenue, Indianapolis, on Tuesday, October 13, from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. The discussion, part of the school’s Visiting Artist Series, will be held in Ayres Auditorium and will be moderated by Scott Stulen, Curator of Audience Experiences and Performance at the Indianapolis Museum of Art. The panel discussion is free and open to the public.

Six panelists involved in The Public Collection project will participate:

- Mindy Taylor Ross—Founder/Owner of Art Strategies LLC
- Rachel M. Simon—The Public Collection and Herbert Simon Family Foundation
- Joshua Coggeshall—Partner at S+CA architecture studio, and member of the collaborative design team on “Table of Contents” at Horizon House
- Teresa Wessel—Executive Director, Horizon House
- Brian McCutcheon—Artist who designed “Monument, 2015,” on Monument Circle and Co-Owner of Indianapolis Fabrications
- Laura Johnson—Director of Public Services, Indianapolis Public Library

Discussion will focus on the project’s development from concept to finish, including the curation process, partnership development, and implementation. Further subjects of discussion will be the intersection of art, public space, education, and social justice, as well as the project’s potential impact on the city of Indianapolis.

The Public Collection is a public art and literacy project developed by Rachel M. Simon, with support from the Herbert Simon Family Foundation. Indiana-based artists have installed eight unique book share stations—lending libraries—in public spaces around Indianapolis. Each book share station holds a varied selection of books, free to borrow, for diverse audiences and age groups. The ninth installation, *Evolution of Reading* by Kimberly McNeelan, will be installed at White River State Park in October 2015.

The Public Collection is managed in partnership with the Central Indiana Community Foundation, and Mindy Taylor Ross of Art Strategies LLC. The Indianapolis Public Library supplies and stocks the book share stations. Visit [www.ThePublicCollection.org](http://www.ThePublicCollection.org) for information on the artists, book share stations, and other updates. For more information on the Park Tudor Visiting Artist Series, visit [www.parktudorfinearts.org/-/visiting-artists/cj99](http://www.parktudorfinearts.org/-/visiting-artists/cj99)

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