

## SELF-GUIDED TOUR LOCATIONS

Please check websites for hours

- 2 Norwalk Historical Society** (admission required)  
141 East Avenue • [norwalkhistoricalsociety.org](http://norwalkhistoricalsociety.org)  
Front entrance from City Hall parking area.  
In red brick house with blue front doors.  
*Steamboat Days on the Mississippi* J. Gruelle
- 3 Norwalk Community College**  
188 Richards Avenue • [norwalk.edu](http://norwalk.edu)  
*Birds of Connecticut and Mammals of Connecticut* Alexander J. Rummler  
*The Duke vs. The King* George Avison
- 4 Norwalk Public Library**  
1 Belden Avenue • [norwalkpl.org](http://norwalkpl.org)  
*Aladdin* Justin Gruelle
- 5 South Norwalk Public Library**  
10 Washington Street • [norwalkpl.org/104/sono-branch](http://norwalkpl.org/104/sono-branch)  
*The Chinese Nightingale* Justin Gruelle
- 6 Norwalk Transit District**  
276 Wilson Avenue • [norwalktransit.com](http://norwalktransit.com)  
*China; Africa; India; Venice, The Ship; and Venice, The Musicians* Arthur G. Hull
- 7 Rowayton Library**  
33 Highland Avenue • [rowayton.org](http://rowayton.org)  
*Packet Day at the Five Mile River* George Avison



*Mopping for Starfish*, A. Rummler, City Hall.



*Merlin* J. Gruelle, City Hall.



### FOR MORE INFORMATION

about Norwalk WPA mural tours, please contact the  
Norwalk Historical Society at

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Phone: (203) 846-0525

Web: [norwalkhistoricalsociety.org](http://norwalkhistoricalsociety.org)

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# NORWALK

# WPA

# MURALS



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# Norwalk's Hidden Treasure

Norwalk is proud of its nationally recognized collection of New Deal art, a legacy of our community's heritage with many connections to the present. The murals created for the former Norwalk High School — now City Hall — and other public buildings in Norwalk, comprise one of the largest and most important collections of restored WPA murals in the country.

While much of the New Deal WPA art nationally has been lost or destroyed, most of Norwalk's collection — nearly 50 murals, 32 of which are located at City Hall — was rescued and restored thanks to the Historical Commission, private donors, and a grant from the Federal General Services Administration, the State of Connecticut and the City of Norwalk.

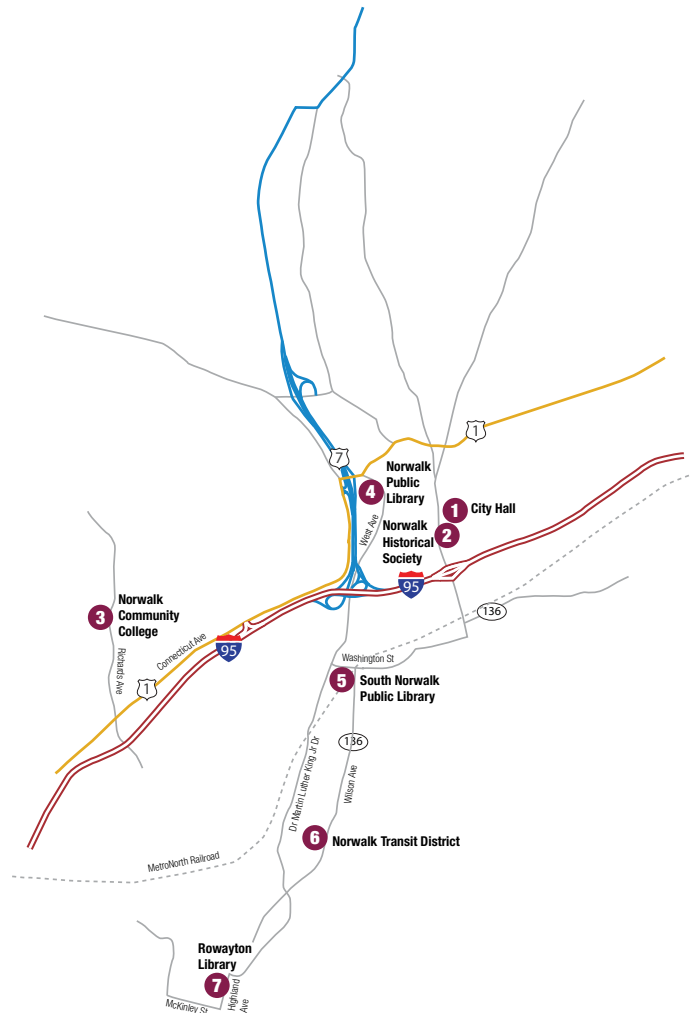
President Franklin Delano Roosevelt established the Works Project Administration (WPA) as part of the New Deal in 1935 at the height of the Great Depression. The aim of the WPA was to preserve the skills of 3.5 million workers by providing them with work relief instead of public assistance. Over the course of eight years the WPA Federal Art Project employed about 5,000 artists who were paid by the hour to create more than 2,500 murals for public buildings throughout the United States.



*Calf Pasture Beach*, A. Rummler, City Hall.  
 Pictured on cover: *Self Portrait*, A. Rummler, City Hall.

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The public is invited to view the WPA murals at all 8 of these Norwalk locations. Please check venue websites for hours. Admission is free, except where noted.



### 1 Norwalk City Hall 125 East Avenue • [norwalkct.org](http://norwalkct.org)

Enter through the main entrance parking area. The WPA murals at City Hall are located on all 3 floors, surrounding the rotunda area, except where noted. Elevator access is available.

#### FIRST FLOOR

*Purchase of Norwalk*  
*Merlin*  
*Roughing It*  
*Innocents Abroad*  
*Alisande and Sir Boss*  
*Norwalk High School*  
*Winnipauk School*  
*Ancient Industry*  
*Modern Hat Industry*  
*Shucking Oysters\**

H. Townsend  
 J. Gruelle  
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 J. Gruelle  
 A. Rummler  
 A. Rummler  
 J. Curry  
 J. Curry  
 A. Rummler

#### SECOND FLOOR

*Baseball*  
*Basketball*  
*In the Clear*  
*Hockey*  
*Sir Boss vs. Sir Sagramore*  
*Farm Scene*  
*Roadside Stand*  
*Trotting Races*  
*Rummler Self Portrait*  
*Apple Harvest*  
*Danbury Fair*  
*Circus Act*  
*Days End*

G. Avison  
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#### THIRD FLOOR

*Calf Pasture Beach*  
*Dairy Farm-Grade Herd*  
*Knudsen School*  
*Oyster Houses*  
*Washing Oysters*  
*Mopping for Starfish*  
*Shell Pile for Planting*  
*Dredging for Oysters*  
*Concord School*

A. Rummler  
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\* Located near Tax Assessor's office

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