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**Entertainment**

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## Library will host landscape display

BEDMINSTER — Colette Taber has put together an “Adirondack Series” of paintings that can be seen at the Clarence Dillon Public Library.

The exhibition opens Monday, Feb. 9 and may be seen during library hours through Friday, March 26. A reception 5-8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 12 is open to the public.

Taber completed all the miniature oil paintings for this series in August when she was in the Adirondack Mountains of northern New York. In addition, she finished 12 large paintings on canvas in her studio based on miniatures and sketches she devised in the Adirondacks. Those large paintings include more exaggerated, energetic brushwork and color that has been heightened.

“Perhaps it is the sense of isolation that contributes to such delicious concentrated periods of work for me when painting in the Adirondacks,” Taber said. “The sense that I am

devouring hours coincides with the more powerful rhythms of the sun moving across the sky during the course of the day or the tension of a summer storm building, taking center stage with its theatrics and then fading into mist.

“The gentle, worn slope of the mountains seems to yawn impartially at the showy display of the clouds far above, while I sit far below on my little rock and paint,” she said.

Taber received a bachelor’s degree in fine arts and English literature, magna cum laude, from the University of Pennsylvania in 1995. The Maine native graduated with honors from the Pinellas County Center for the Arts, based at Gibbs High School in St. Petersburg, Fla.

For more information, call (908) 234-2325, Ext. 111. The Clarence Dillon Public Library is on Lamington Road just west of the stop light with Route 206.