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## Photos documenting payphone decline to be exhibited at Brighton library

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(Sarah Berry)

Public payphones in Boston photographed on Sept. 11, 2008.

By Matt Rocheleau, Town Correspondent

An Allston artist's photographs documenting the decline of public payphones will be on display next month at the Faneuil Branch of the Boston Public Library in Brighton's Oak Square.

The "Telephone Relics" exhibition by Sarah Berry "very poignantly captures the changing history of telecom, convenience, functionally and design that has resulted in streetscape artifacts that linger as if they still had a purpose," said a statement from the newly-founded, local nonprofit Unbound Visual Arts, Inc.

"As a result of the evolution from wired and wall-mounted phones to personal and pocket-sized, most people realize that public telephones, once prominent throughout the world, have significantly declined in usage," the statement continued. "Sarah Berry has not only noticed this 21st century historical trend but presents us with artistic visual evidence."

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The exhibition debuts Saturday, Nov. 3 during a reception and artist discussion from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., the art organization said in an announcement. The gallery will be on display through Nov. 30.

Berry received a master's of science in arts administration at Boston University, is program manager of The Art Connection in Boston and leads photography workshops through the city's parks department, according to the nonprofit.

Her exhibits have appeared at BU, Boston City Hall, and in galleries in Washington D.C. and Fairfax, Va.

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