

## Sky Lark

### Library Art

#### **William Keating (American, b. 1932)**

*Sky Lark*, 1978

Welded and Polished Aluminum

111 ½ x 40 in. diameter

Gift of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley L. Harris and the Illinois Arts Council

William (Bill) Keating is a self-taught artist from Northbrook, Illinois who specializes in hand-formed welded aluminum. Keating originally worked in advertising, but changed his direction mid-career and became a sculptor in 1973. Keating's work is part of the collections of the Palatine, Illinois Public Library, Standard Oil of Indiana and the Oakton Sculpture Park in Des Plaines, Illinois. In a 1976 documentary about Keating, the artist described his works as "an abstract view of his sense of balance with nature." He said, "I see metal as part of nature, coming raw from the earth, then refined by man. I strive to bring it back to nature by treating it as part of earth to be formed and managed." The title of this kinetic sculpture was chosen as a metaphor for the human search for knowledge.



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