

Library Card Design Contest

Design the Next Library Card!

The Frank Carlson Library is inviting young artists to help create our next official library cards! Show us what the library means to you through your artwork. Winning designs will be featured on official library cards that patrons can choose when signing up for a library card.

Contest Theme: What the Library Means to You

Artwork may include themes such as:

- Books and reading
- Learning and discovery
- Imagination and creativity
- Libraries and literacy
- Community and friendship
- Kansas history, culture, landscapes, wildlife, and agriculture
- Senator Frank Carlson and local history
- Dreams, adventures, and lifelong learning

We encourage artists to be creative and have fun while celebrating the library and our community.

Eligibility

The contest is open to youth in the following age groups:

- Pre-K through Grade 3 (ages 4-9)
- Grade 4 through Grade 8 (ages 10-14)
- Grade 9 through Grade 12 (ages 15-18)

Participants must live within Cloud County and may submit one entry.

Submission Requirements

Entries must:

- Be the participant's original artwork.
- Be suitable for all ages.
- Fit within the official contest template provided by the library.
- Be submitted with a completed entry form.
- Be created primarily by the participant.
- Not include copyrighted, trademarked, or licensed characters, logos, or images.

Examples of prohibited copyrighted material include, but are not limited to:

- Disney characters
- Pokémon characters

- Marvel or DC superheroes
- Professional sports team logos
- Commercial brand logos

Disqualifying Content

The library reserves the right to disqualify entries containing:

Inappropriate Content

- Profanity or vulgar language
- Sexually explicit or suggestive imagery
- Excessive graphic violence or gore
- Hate speech, harassment, or discriminatory content
- Threatening or intimidating imagery

Drugs, Alcohol, and Tobacco

- Illegal drugs or drug paraphernalia
- Alcohol use or promotion
- Tobacco products
- Vaping or nicotine products

Political, Religious, or Ideological Advocacy

- Political campaign messages or endorsements
- Religious promotional messages or proselytizing
- Advocacy for or against a political, religious, or ideological group or viewpoint
- Slogans intended to persuade viewers toward a particular political, religious, or ideological position

Commercial Content

- Advertisements
- Product promotions
- Business logos or branding

Safety Concerns

- Depictions of illegal activity
- Dangerous behavior presented as acceptable
- Weapons displayed in a threatening or glorified manner

Artificial Intelligence

- Artwork generated wholly or substantially through artificial intelligence (AI) image-generation tools

Judging and Voting

All entries will first be reviewed by library staff to ensure compliance with contest rules.

Eligible entries will be displayed anonymously at the library during the public voting period. Artists' names will not be displayed during voting.

Community members may submit one vote for their favorite design in each age category.

One winner will be selected from each age group based on the highest number of valid votes received.

Winning Designs

One winning design will be selected from each age category.

The three winning designs will become official Frank Carlson Library card options available to patrons.

Winning artists may be recognized by first name and last initial in library publications, on the library website, social media, and on the library card design itself.

Rights and Permissions

By submitting artwork, participants and their parent or guardian grant the library permission to:

- Display submitted artwork
- Reproduce artwork for library cards
- Use artwork in promotional materials
- Use artwork on the library website and social media
- Resize, crop, or make minor modifications necessary for production and printing

Artwork submitted becomes the property of the library and may not be returned.

Library Discretion

The library reserves the right to disqualify any entry that does not comply with contest rules or that is determined to be inconsistent with the library's mission, community standards, or legal requirements.

Important Dates

Submission Deadline: September 28th

Public Voting Period: October 5th - 31st

Winners Announced: November 6th

For questions, please contact:

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<https://www.rainbow-printing.com/library-cards/>

<https://www.lucascolorcard.com/library-patron-cards-labels>