

Calling all artists 13 and under!
Enter the library's

Design a Bookmark Contest



Every year, the library prints bookmarks featuring original artwork by kids. These bookmarks go to all of our branches and **thousands** of readers will use them — maybe even **forever**!

**Could yours be one of
the next winning designs?**

Use the box for your design. 
Drop off your finished design at your local branch or bookmobile.

**But hurry. Deadline for entries is
October 31, 2026 at 5:00 pm.**

See the other side for more information.

Contest Entry Form

Child's Name: _____ Age: _____

Caregiver's Contact Information:

Address: _____

Postal Code: _____ Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Library Branch: _____
(where you entered the contest)

School: _____

Contest Rules and Conditions

How to Enter:

- You must be 13 years of age or younger. You must live or go to school in Toronto, or be a registered borrower in the Toronto Public Library system.
- Fill in the contest entry form above and return it to any Toronto Public Library branch or bookmobile. Please print carefully.
- We can accept only one entry per person.
- Entering the contest signifies your acceptance of these Contest Rules and Conditions.
- For more information, contact your branch, bookmobile or Answerline at 416-397-5981.

The Contest:

- Create your own original bookmark artwork directly in the space provided on the front of this form or on a double-sided photocopy of this form. Use as many colours and materials as you like. Digitally created original designs are acceptable. We cannot accept tracings, copied designs, licensed characters, or visual content created, altered, or enhanced using AI tools.
- Entries will be judged on theme, originality and design. In addition, the Elizabeth Cleaver Design Awards will recognize outstanding artistic merit.
- All entries become the property of the Toronto Public Library and may be displayed at our branches. Judges' decisions are final, and the Toronto Public Library is under no obligation to enter into communication with entrants who do not win prizes.
- Winning entries will be kept until March 31, 2028.

Judging and Prizes:

Judging Round 1: Branch/Bookmobile Winners

- Round 1 winners will be chosen at each branch and bookmobile in each of three age categories: Up to 6 years, 7 to 9 years, and 10 to 13 years.
- Branch/bookmobile winners receive a prize book, to be distributed by the branch/bookmobile.
- These winning designs then move to Round 2 for further judging.

Judging Round 2: Elizabeth Cleaver Design Award and Grand Award Winners

- Four Elizabeth Cleaver Design Award winners and twelve Grand Award winners are chosen from the remaining branch/bookmobile winning entries.
- The four Elizabeth Cleaver Design Award winners and the twelve Grand Award winners will have their designs and names printed on bookmarks that will be distributed throughout the Toronto Public Library system and posted on the Toronto Public Library website.
- Winners are invited to attend an Awards Ceremony and receive a prize which includes a book, an Award Certificate and copies of their printed bookmark.

Feel free to make copies of this form to give to friends.

Copies must be double-sided. Remember, only one entry per person.

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