

# BOOK COVER CONTEST

## THE GREAT AMERICAN READ

**Design a new cover for a Great American Read book.  
Your artwork could be displayed at public libraries across  
the region!**

### **Submission of Entries:**

All entries must be submitted in-person to your local library. Each person may submit one entry. Each submission must be attached to an entry form with the following information:

- Artist's name
- Age at time of submission (if entering Children's or Teen division)
- Email address and/or telephone number
- Title of the piece
- Dimensions and materials used
- Participants under age 18 must have a parent's signature on entry form

### **Submission Deadline:**

Submissions accepted starting August 20. Artwork must be received by September 15.

### **Judging Criteria:**

- Creativity
- Originality
- Quality
- All qualified art will be judged separately in the following age divisions: up to 12 years old; 13-18 years old; 19 and up.

Judges for the local Book Cover Contest will be chosen by the local library district. Students and/or faculty from the Missouri State University Art Department will judge the regional Book Cover Contest.

## Contest Rules:

1. Artist Requirements: The Great American Read Book Cover Contest is open to all artists who are patrons of a public library.
2. Artist Categories: Artists will submit their artwork in the proper age division:
  - Children's (ages up to 12 years old),
  - Teen (13-18 years old), or
  - Adult (19 and up).

There will be a winner in each division.

3. The Artwork Must Be Original: You must be the creator of the artwork that is submitted to the contest. Your art must be your own original concept and not a copy of anyone else's copyrighted material. If your image infringes upon another's copyright it will be disqualified.
4. The Artwork Must Be for One of the Great American Read Selections: Find the list at [pbs.org/the-great-american-read](http://pbs.org/the-great-american-read). Entries for books not on the Great American Read list will not be considered.
5. Art Requirements:
  - Any drawing or painting medium, including: pencil, watercolors, crayons, and acrylics can be used. Non-reflective sturdy paper such as watercolor paper or card stock is preferred. Artwork should be on vertical (portrait orientation). Maximum size 11in x 17in.
  - Any graphic design software, including Photoshop, InDesign, Illustrator or open source product, can be used. Your images are best represented at 1200px on the longest side and at a resolution of 72dpi.
  - Artwork must be the artist's own work and may not be submitted without the artist's consent.

## Finalists:

- All finalists will be notified by email or phone by September 28, 2018.
- One winner from each age group will be selected to have their artwork displayed in their local library and/or another community location after the judging of the regional competition.
- Other local and regional prizes to be announced during submission period

Your local library and the Great American Read are granted permission to use the artwork at their discretion.

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