

# 2026 FRIENDS ANNUAL BOOKMARK DESIGN CONTEST

Honoring NATIONAL FRIENDS OF LIBRARIES WEEK, April 19-25, 2026

Sponsored by Johnson County Library and the Friends of Johnson County Library

SUBMIT YOUR DESIGN June 1–July 31, 2026

**CATEGORY: (Check one)**

- Preschool-Kdg.    Grades 5-6    Adult, ages 18 and up  
 Grades 1-2    Grades 7-8  
 Grades 3-4    Grades 9-12



**ALL YOUR INFORMATION MUST BE CLEAR AND LEGIBLE. INCLUDE A FAMILY OR PERSONAL EMAIL ADDRESS THAT YOU WILL RESPOND TO WHEN WE CONTACT YOU. We'll disqualify submissions whose name or address we cannot read, or if you don't respond to an email.**

**Please print:**

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Address

_____ City	_____ State	_____ Zip
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Phone Number

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Email Address *required for notification*

**For students:**

_____ Age	_____ Grade Level
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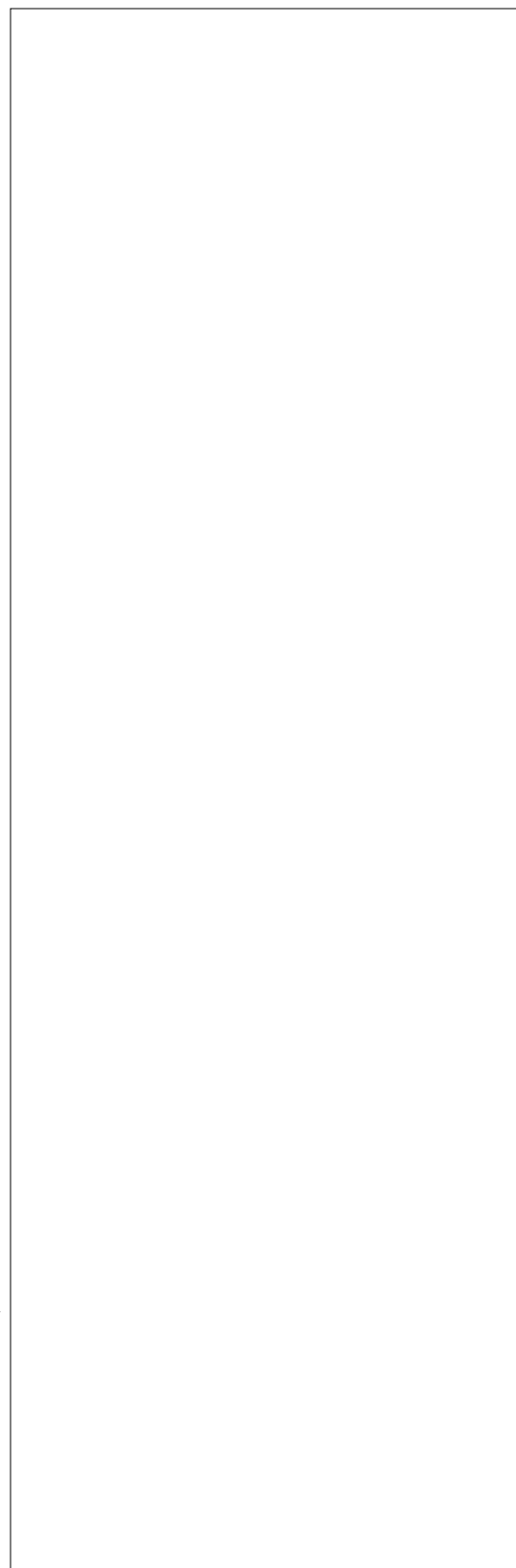
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I love the Library because \_\_\_\_\_  
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I affirm that this is original work by the submitter and that I agree to abide by the rules and terms of the contest as outlined on the reverse of this form.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_



## 2026 BOOKMARK DESIGN CONTEST CALENDAR

- June 1 Submissions now accepted at branch Libraries.
- Submit through the mail:
    - Bookmark Design Contest
    - Johnson County Library, Creative Services Department
    - PO Box 2933, Shawnee Mission, KS 66201-1333
  - Submit scanned entry online at [tinyurl.com/friendsbookmarkcontest](https://tinyurl.com/friendsbookmarkcontest)
- July 31 DEADLINE: Submissions must be received by 5 p.m.
- Aug. 17-21 Jurying by Friends of Johnson County Library.  
Winners notified.  
(Make sure we have an email so we can let you know if you've won.)
- Oct. 8 Winners Presentation Ceremony and group photos.
- Oct. 18-24 Winners announced to the public during National Friends of Libraries Week.



### RULES EDIT

1. Categories:
  - Preschool-Kdg. • Grades 1-2 • Grades 3-4 • Grades 5-6 • Grades 7-8 • Grades 9-12 • Adult
  - (Two winners in each category.)
2. Limit one entry per submitter.
3. Bookmark design must be original work. Nothing previously published accepted. Popular figures (ex. Superman, Disney, etc.) cannot be considered due to copyright restrictions. **Photos of contest entry will not be accepted.**
4. Books, libraries and/or reading should be included in the design.
5. Bookmarks may be created in color or black-and-white.
  - Acceptable media:
    - Flat 2-dimensional graphics and collage on paper or paper board.
    - Colored pencil, marker, crayon, gouache, tempera, oil, acrylic, fingerpaint, chalk, watercolor, pen-and-ink.
    - No photography or digital imagery.
    - Glitter and reflectives do not reproduce well and are discouraged.
6. Entries are valid only when accompanied by this completed and signed Registration Form.
  - ALL YOUR INFORMATION MUST BE CLEAR AND LEGIBLE. INCLUDE A FAMILY OR PERSONAL EMAIL THAT YOU WILL RESPOND TO WHEN WE CONTACT YOU. We'll disqualify submissions whose name or address we cannot read, or if you don't respond to an email.
  - Printed entry forms are available at our Questions Desks. Entry forms are also available to download and print at [jocolibrary.org/bookmarks](https://jocolibrary.org/bookmarks).
7. Completed entry forms may be returned at any Johnson County Library branch, by mail at the address listed above or online at [tinyurl.com/friendsbookmarkcontest](https://tinyurl.com/friendsbookmarkcontest) starting June 1, 2026.
8. Entries will be accepted June 1-July 31, 2026. **No entries accepted after 5 p.m., July 31.** Entries will not be returned after judging.
9. Parent or guardian of submitters under 16 years old must sign the completed form.
10. Jurors include Friends of Johnson County Library staff and board, and Johnson County Library staff. Submissions will be judged on originality, theme and creativity. Jurors' decisions are final.
11. Winning entries will be printed and available at Johnson County Library branches.

Deliver submissions to your branch, in paper mail or online.

All designs become the property of  
Johnson County Library and cannot be returned.

Questions? [johnsoncountylibrary@jocolibrary.org](mailto:johnsoncountylibrary@jocolibrary.org)