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LA County Library Now Taking Entries for Annual Bookmark Contest

Calling All Creative Kids and Teens! Pick Up an Entry Form and Let Your Imagination Shine.

LA County Library's 43rd Annual Bookmark Contest for grades K - 12, which celebrates the joy of reading and creativity, is now open. Submissions will be accepted through October 29, 2022.

Kids and teens are encouraged to let their imagination shine using original designs to draw, paint, or create their own bookmark. Each of the Library's 85 locations will select 1 winner from 4 categories— Kindergarten through Grade 2, Grades 3 through 5, Grades 6 through 8, and Grades 9 through 12—who will be recognized at their Library. The winning bookmarks from each Library will be shared with the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors, who will select Countywide winners from each category that reside in their District. These winners will see their bookmark design professionally printed and distributed across all 85 LA County Library locations!

Los Angeles County residents and schools are encouraged to participate in the contest, which highlights the wonder and importance of books and reading, and challenges parents, educators, and librarians to nurture kids' love of reading and libraries through art.

To participate, kids can visit their local library to pick up an entry form, or download the form online. For more information and to download, visit <u>LACountyLibrary.org/Bookmark-Contest.</u> Entry forms can be submitted in person, by mail, or online via submission form, and must be received by October 29, 2022.

This year's contest is sponsored by LA County Library Foundation.

About LA County Library

Founded in 1912, LA County Library is one of the largest and most innovative library systems in the US. It offers free public resources including books, music, multimedia materials, computer and internet access, and educational and recreational services to 3.4 million residents across 3,000 square miles through its 85 community libraries, 1 institutional library, and mobile fleet of 15 vehicles, including 4 Bookmobiles, 6 MākMō (maker mobiles), 3 early literacy vehicles, and 2 mobile outreach vehicles. LA County Library is dedicated to reducing barriers and

increasing access to and equity of public services for all. To learn more, visit LACountyLibrary.org and follow @LACountyLibrary on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, YouTube.

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