

# BOOKMARK DESIGN CONTEST



Create an original bookmark design using the theme:  
"Unearth a Story" to inspire youth readers for Summer 2026!

## SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS:

- Artwork must be original with no copyrighted images.
- One entry per person.
- Design must fit within the provided frame (2x8 inches).
- Physical entries only.
- Submissions must be returned to a Wake County Public Library by **9 p.m. on Tuesday, March 31, 2026.**
- This double-sided form must be filled out completely for the entry to be considered.
- All bookmark entries become the property of Wake County and cannot be returned.

## DETAILS:

There will be one winner from each age group.

- ages 3–5
- ages 6–8
- ages 9–12
- ages 13–17
- age 18 and up

The winner in each category will receive 20 printed copies of the bookmark they design, a printed poster of their design and will be recognized at a celebratory reception.

## SUBMISSION INFORMATION:

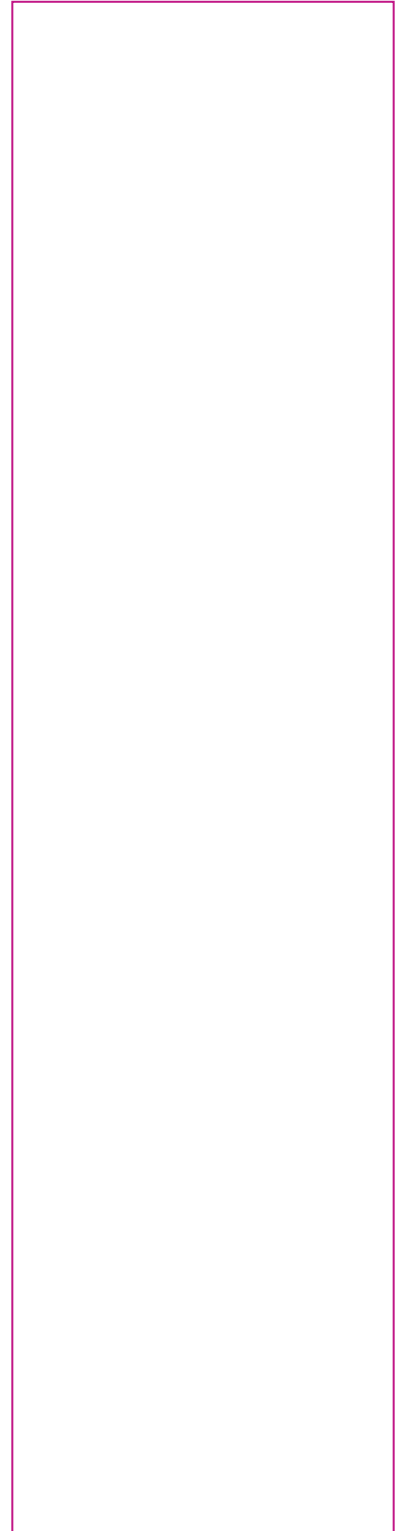
First name: \_\_\_\_\_

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Library: \_\_\_\_\_



YOUR ORIGINAL ARTWORK HERE



*Please see back for Contest Participation Agreement.*

# WAKE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARIES BOOKMARK DESIGN CONTEST PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT

Name of Participant: \_\_\_\_\_

Age of Participant: \_\_\_\_\_

Age Group of Participant: *(Please circle one)*

ages 3-5      ages 6-8      ages 9-12

ages 13-17      ages 18 and up

Name of Parent/Legal Guardian :

*(if participant under age of 18)*

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**Contest Rules:** Participation in this drawing contest is voluntary. Each participant must attest that it is his/her original work and that the work submitted was not copied or traced. Providing false information about the authenticity of one's submission or failing to obtain parent/guardian consent (if under the age of 18) will result in disqualification. By submitting a design, the participant is agreeing that the design submitted may be edited, resized, or reformatted in order to meet the printing guidelines, and that it can be redisclosed as determined by Wake County.

**Design Requirements:** All designs must be submitted no later than 9:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 31, 2026. The design submitted must be the participant's original work, must fit the dimensions of a standard bookmark (2" x 8") and should align with the children's summer's reading theme, *Unearth a Story*. Designs can be submitted at any public library and they must be hard copies. Electronic submissions will not be accepted. The deadline for submissions is March 31, 2026, at 9:00 p.m. There will be no exceptions for late submissions. Incomplete, late, defective or designs deemed offensive by the judging committee will be automatically disqualified.

**Ownership of Design and Use of Design:** Upon submission, the participant's design will become the property of Wake County. Wake County will have the exclusive and irrevocable right, free of charge, to use the design as a bookmark to be distributed during the Summer Reading Program at all libraries in Wake County or other events. Wake County will be permitted to change and/or reproduce the participant's design without further consent from the participant. Wake County will have exclusive rights for the design's use and reproduction in any non-commercial purpose.

**Selection of Winners:** A panel of employees within Wake County will review all submissions and a winner from each of the four categories will be named. The participant will be notified by June 1, 2026, if he/she has been selected as a winner.

**Recognition of Winner:** Wake County shall have the right recognize me/my child as the winner of this contest in any publication, promotional materials, or on any online platform including but not limited to Facebook and/or Instagram.

Please read the statements below and initial below indicating consent:

\_\_\_\_\_ I have received a copy of the Summer Reading 2026 Bookmark Design Contest information sheet and have read it, along with the above paragraphs, outlining the specific details of this contest.

\_\_\_\_\_ I acknowledge that the participant's work is original and has not been copied or traced.

\_\_\_\_\_ I have read and understand the requirements for each submission and understand that failure to comply could result in disqualification.

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand that once my design is submitted, it will become the property of Wake County for use in this contest.

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand that Wake County has exclusive rights to my design after it's submitted and that Wake County can reproduce, change, edit, or resize my design to fit the bookmark or for any other reason necessary.

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand that this contest is voluntary and that I am not paying an entry fee, nor will I receive any monetary compensation if I am selected as a winner.

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand that the deadline for submitting a design is March 31, 2026, at 9 p.m. and that no exceptions will be made for late submissions.

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand and consent to Wake County recognizing me/my child in any library publications, social media or promotional materials if I/my child is chosen as a winner.

By signing below, you are hereby consenting to you or your child's participation in the Summer Reading Bookmark Design Contest and agreeing to all of the terms and conditions as outlined above.

By signing below, you are fully releasing Wake County, its agents, officers or employees from any and all claims of liability for injury or damage based upon participation in this contest.

**Signature of Participant / Legal Guardian:**

\_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Relationship to Participant:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Email Address:** \_\_\_\_\_