



# YOUTH BOOKMARK CONTEST

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Entries that do not meet the following requirements will not be accepted.

## GENERAL ELIGIBILITY:

- Contestants must be between the ages of 5 and 18 years old.
- Contestants must reside in Starr, Hidalgo, Willacy, or Cameron Counties.
- All entries must address the theme "**Celebrate Our Roots & Stories**".  
*This theme encourages you to explore your cultural heritage, family traditions, and personal journey through art. Use your creativity to highlight the stories and memories that shape who you are. From a story passed down for generations or a symbol from your heritage—let your bookmark tell a story.*

## GUIDELINES:

- The contest opens on **Monday, July 14<sup>th</sup>**.
- The deadline for submissions is **Friday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>** at 5:00PM.
- Late entries will not be considered.
- Submissions may be turned in at any McAllen Public Library location.
- An individual may submit only **one** entry.
- Entries must be the contestant's original work. Copyrighted materials such as characters, art and logos will not be accepted.
- Submissions will be judged in three separate age categories: 5-8 years, 9-13 years, and 14-18 years.
- Use only the space provided. Everything outside of the lines will not be considered for the contest.
- Acceptable art tools include colored pencils, crayons, markers, pens, paint, watercolor, and digital illustration.
- Please do not sign or initial the entry.

## JUDGING:

Entries will be reviewed by members of the South Texas Book Festival Committee. The decisions of the judges are final.

## DISCLAIMER:

All physical entries become the property of McAllen Public Library without infringement on the copyrights of the entrants. Submission to the contest grants McAllen Public Library permission to reproduce. Contest winners will be invited and recognized at an awards ceremony held during the South Texas Book Festival on **Saturday, October 25<sup>th</sup>**

## CONTESTANT'S INFORMATION

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Title of Art: \_\_\_\_\_

## SCHOOL INFORMATION (optional)

Teacher Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade Level: \_\_\_\_\_

School Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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