



FORT BEND COUNTY
LIBRARIES

LIBRARY CARD DESIGN CONTEST



THEME: Our Stories, Our Community

Submit your artwork to any FBCL location by Saturday, July 26, at end of business day, for a chance to have your design turned into one of our Limited-Edition library cards this fall.

THEME

- **"Our Stories, Our Community"**
- Participants are encouraged to create designs that reflect the joy of reading, the Fort Bend County community, what the library means to you, or the evolution of libraries past, present, and future. Designs must be appropriate for a general audience.

ELIGIBILITY

- The contest is open to all Fort Bend County residents or anyone working, attending school, or living in the service area.
- One winner from each category will be chosen:
 - **Children** (Ages 0-12)
 - **Teens** (Ages 13-17)
 - **Adults** (Ages 18+)
- Only one entry per participant.
- Entry must be submitted using the provided design template.
- No late entries will be accepted.
- No online/digital submissions.
- Submissions must be the original work of the entrant and may not include AI or computer-generated elements.

CONTEST RULES

- All designs must be original and created by the participant and should not contain copyrighted material, offensive language, inappropriate images, or AI-generated components.
- Keep text and important details away from edge.
- FBCL reserves the right to make minor adjustments to the winning design to fit printing specifications.
- By submitting artwork for a child or teen, the Parent/Guardian consents to the use of the child's/teen's name, artwork, and/or quote on materials that promote FBCL programs and activities.
- By entering the contest, participants grant FBCL the right to use, reproduce, publish, and distribute their designs for promotional purposes.
- By submitting a design, you promise that the artwork you submitted: is your original creation; has not been copied in whole or in part from any other work; does not say bad or false things about other people; and has never been previously published or submitted to any other competition. All entries will become property of FBCL. FBCL may reprint the entries in publications, online, or other media.

SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Design Format:

- Artwork must be submitted on a template provided by the Library (available here or at a Branch).
- Cards will be printed as 3.375 x 2.125 inches.

Submissions:

- You must submit the completed entry in person, at any Fort Bend County library location. Digital submissions will not be accepted.
- Use any medium (e.g., colored pencils, markers, etc.) as long as it is flat and scannable.

Submission Deadline:

- All entries must be submitted by **Saturday, July 26, 2025, at end of business day.**

JUDGING CRITERIA

Entries will be judged based on the following criteria:

- **Creativity:** Originality and artistic expression.
- **Relevance to Theme:** How well the design reflects the theme.
- **Visual Impact:** Overall appeal and clarity of design.
- **Usability:** How well the design will function as a library card (e.g., readability, use of space)

JUDGING PROCESS

- Fort Bend County library staff will review all entries for eligibility.
- A panel of judges will determine the winners.
- There will be three winners, one from each age category: children, teens, adults.

WINNING DESIGNS

- Winners will be notified in August.
- Winning designs will be announced and launched on September 2. (Cards will be available while supplies last.)
- Winners and Honorable Mentions will be recognized at a celebration ceremony in September 2025 at the George Memorial Library in Richmond.
- Come to the library to sign up for a new card or swap out your current card for one!

For more information and contest rules, scan the QR code or visit <https://www.fortbendlibraries.gov/library-card-contest>

