

QUEENS BOROUGH PUBLIC LIBRARY
“BANNED BOOKS LIBRARY CARD DESIGN”
CONTEST RULES

1. **Eligibility:** This Contest is open to legal residents of the United States of America who are thirteen (13) years of age or older as of the date of entry. If you are under the age of eighteen (18), you must represent and affirm that you have obtained parental consent before entering. Employees of the Queens Borough Public Library (the “Library”) and immediate family members and/or those living in the same household as an Employee are not eligible to participate in the Contest. The Contest is subject to all applicable federal, state, and local laws and regulations, and is void where prohibited by law.
2. **How to Enter:** To enter the Contest, a contestant (“You”) must submit the online form provided at <http://connect.queenslibrary.org/15048> (the “Entry”). Entries that do not provide the information or adhere to the specifications requested therein, or otherwise do not adhere to the rules stated herein (the “Rules”), may be disqualified at the sole discretion of the Library. Three (3) entries per person are permitted. Entries must be original work and should be related to the freedom to read, the borough of Queens and Queens Public Library. Artificial Intelligence (AI) generations and any objectionable or obscene content will result in disqualification.
3. **Contest Period:** Entries will be accepted online starting on Monday, September 23, 2024 at 12:00:00 PM, EST and ending Friday, January 10, 2025 at 11:59:00 PM, EST.
4. **Winner Selection and Notification:** All entries will be reviewed by a panel of Library staff members and community judges (the “Panel”), and judged according to the following criteria (the “Criteria”): creativity, originality, relevance to theme, and visual appeal/quality. The person whose entry is selected as the winning entry by the Panel according to the Criteria (the “Winner”) will be notified by email within 14 days following selection. The Library shall have no liability for any Winner’s failure to receive such notice due to spam, junk e-mail or other security settings, or the provision of incorrect or otherwise non-functioning contact information. In the event that a Winner cannot be contacted, is ineligible, or fails to claim the prize within 7 days from the time award notification was sent, the Prize may be forfeited and an alternate Winner selected. Receipt by a Winner of a Prize is conditioned upon compliance with any and all federal, state, and local laws and regulations. Any violation of the Rules by a Winner will result in that Winner’s disqualification from the Contest and all privileges as a Winner will be immediately terminated.
5. **Prizes:** One (1) Winner will receive: their artwork featured on QPL’s Banned Books Special Edition Library Card, to be released in 2025 and a \$2,000 cash prize (the “Prize”). The Prize may not be transferred or assigned to others. Any and all Prize-related expenses, including without limitation any and all federal, state, and/or local taxes, shall be the sole responsibility of the Winners. Acceptance by any Winner of a Prize constitutes permission for the Library to use that Winner’s name, likeness, and entry for purposes of publishing, printing, advertising and trade without further compensation, unless prohibited by law.

6. Odds: The odds of winning depend on the number of eligible entries received.
7. Rights Granted by You: By submitting any content (e.g., photo, text, etc.) as part of your Entry to this Contest (the “Content”), You understand and agree that the Library, including any and all of its representatives, licensees, successors, and assigns, shall have the right, where permitted by law, to print, publish, broadcast, distribute, and use in any media now known or hereafter developed, in perpetuity and throughout the World, without limitation, the Content, as well as your name, portrait, picture, voice, likeness, image, statements about the Contest, and biographical information, for news, publicity, information, trade, advertising, public relations, and promotional purposes, without any further compensation, notice, review, or consent, unless prohibited by law. You represent and warrant that the Content is an original work of authorship, and does not violate any third party’s proprietary or intellectual property rights. If the Library determines, in its sole discretion, that the Content infringes upon the intellectual property right of another party, You will be disqualified from the Contest. If a third party claims that the Content constitutes infringement of any proprietary or intellectual proprietary rights of a third party, You shall, at your sole expense, defend against or settle such claims. You shall further indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the Library and its trustees, officers, employees, affiliates and assigns from and against any and all liabilities, claims, actions, costs (including reasonable attorneys’ fees), expenses, damages and losses which may arise out of allegations of the proprietary or intellectual rights of a third party.
8. Disclaimer: The Library is not responsible for lost, late, deleted, delayed, stolen, misdirected, incomplete or illegible entries, or other errors of any kind. The Prize shall be awarded “as is,” without warranty of any kind, express or implied, including, without limitation, any warranty of merchantability or suitability for a particular purpose. The Library reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to cancel, terminate, modify, or suspend the Contest should virus, bug, non-authorized human intervention, fraud, or other cause beyond the Library’s control corrupt or affect the administration, security, fairness, or proper conduct of the Contest. In such case, the Library may select the Winner from all eligible entries received prior to and/or after (if appropriate) the action taken by the Library. The Library reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to disqualify any individual who tampers or attempts to tamper with the entry process or the operation of the Contest or otherwise violates these Rules.
9. Release: By participating in this Contest, You agree to be fully unconditionally bound by the the Rules, and You represent and warrant that You meet the eligibility requirements. In addition, You agree to accept the decisions of the Library as final and binding as they relate to this Contest. By participating in this Contest you further agree to release and hold harmless the Library and its trustees, officers, employees, affiliates, and assigns from and against any and all claims, demands, or causes of action that may arise in connection with Your participation in the Contest and/or your acceptance, possession, use, or misuse of any Prize or any portion thereof.
10. Privacy Policy: Information submitted as part of an Entry is subject to the privacy policies stated on the websites of the Library and Typeform, which are available, respectively, at <https://queenslibrary.org/about-us/library-policies/privacy> and

https://admin.typeform.com/to/dwk6gt/?_gl=1*16jzko1*_gcl_au*MTQ3NDEyMjguMTcyNDE4OTE0Ng..&tid=b4e519ab-a532-45b0-8865-8346b0cea791&typeform-source=www.typeform.com.

11. **Winners List:** To obtain a copy of the Winner's name or a copy of these Official Rules, mail your request along with a stamped, self-addressed envelope to: Queens Borough Public Library, Attn: Marketing Dept., 89-11 Merrick Boulevard, Jamaica, New York 11432. Requests must be received no later than Friday, January 10, 2025 at 11:59:00 PM, EST.

12. **Sponsor:** The Sponsor of the Contest is Queens Borough Public Library, 89-11 Merrick Boulevard, Jamaica, New York 11432. The Contest is in no way sponsored, endorsed, administered by, or associated with Facebook, or Instagram.