

FOR GRADES 6-12

# TEEN ART CONTEST

## Teen Art Contest – Summer 2026

Theme: Unearth a Story

Show your creativity and have your art displayed at the Carmel Clay Public Library!

The Teen Services Department is seeking original 2D artwork inspired by this year's Summer Reading Program theme: Unearth a Story.

### WHO CAN ENTER

- Students in grades 6-12
- Must live in Carmel, IN or attend a Carmel school
- One submission per person

### CATEGORIES

- Fine Art (drawing, painting, photography)
- Digital Art
- Collage

### ARTWORK REQUIREMENTS

- Must measure 18" x 24"
- Digital art must print at 18" x 24" at 300 DPI
- In apps like Procreate, set canvas size to 18" x 24" / 300 DPI
- Please use paper, not canvas, so artwork fits in the library's display frames
- Must be an original work of 2D art and should fit into one of three categories: fine art (such as drawing, painting, or photography), digital art, or collage
- Must be an original work and cannot contain AI-generated content
- Must adhere to the library's **Standards of Conduct**
- Entries should be unframed since winning entries will be displayed in the library's display frames

### HOW TO SUBMIT

Physical and digital submissions will be accepted. Submit all physical submissions to the Teen Desk.

To submit digitally, email your JPEG file (at least 1MB, high resolution) to [youngadult@carmelclaylibrary.org](mailto:youngadult@carmelclaylibrary.org).

(Insufficient image files containing low resolution or loss of detail will not be accepted.) If your entry is not a digital piece, photograph it and send the photo as a JPEG for consideration.

**Include the following for both physical and digital submissions:**

- Full name
- Upcoming grade & school
- Phone number & email
- Home address
- Medium (e.g., watercolor, charcoal, digital photography)
- Title of work

By submitting, you agree that your artwork may appear on the library's website or social media.

### IMPORTANT DATES

- **Submissions Accepted:** June 1-July 31, 2026
- **Winner Notifications:** Week of August 16, 2026
- **Display Period:** September 2026-May 2027
- **Artwork must be picked up by July 2027**

### PRIZES

Overall Winner: \$200

Category Winners (3): \$100 each

**QUESTIONS?** Call the Teen Services Department at 317.814.3983.