

Eligibility:

The competition is open to Ocean County Residents of all ages.

Theme:

In honor of our 100th anniversary, we invite all of our community members to design bookmarks about what the library means to you.

Design Specifications:

- Bookmarks should be original and unpublished designs.
- The bookmark dimensions should be 2 inches by 6 inches (192 x 576 px).
- Submissions can be hand-drawn or digitally created (we ask that participants do not use AI to create their designs).
- Designs can be done directly on the entry form, or can be attached as a separate page.
- Bookmarks must not have any 3D items.
- Designs should be clear, legible, and visually appealing.

Content Guidelines:

- Designs should be appropriate for all audiences.
- Avoid including copyrighted material or trademarks.
- Any text included in the design (such as quotes or titles) should be properly attributed if not original.

Submission Process:

- Participants must complete an official entry form.
- Submissions should be delivered in person to the library.
- Each participant may submit a maximum number of one entry per person.

Deadline:

All entries must be submitted by end of business day on June 30, 2025. Late submissions will not be accepted. Entries will not be returned after judging.

Judging Criteria:

- Entries will be judged based on creativity, originality, relevance to the theme, and overall visual appeal.
- The decision of the judging panel will be final.

Prizes:

In addition to having their design printed and made available at each of the Library's 21 locations, each winner will receive a certificate of achievement and the opportunity to have their photo taken. They will also be presented with a prize bag.

Notification:

Winners will be notified via the contact information provided on their entry forms (please print clearly). Details regarding prize collection or further instructions will be provided at that time.

Disqualification:

Entries that do not adhere to the guidelines or contain inappropriate content will be disqualified from the competition.

Questions:

Participants may contact the library for any clarification or questions regarding the competition guidelines or submission process.

Disclaimer:

By submitting your artwork to the Bookmark Contest, you acknowledge and agree that your submitted entry becomes the property of Ocean County Library. Ocean County Library reserves the right to use, reproduce, modify, display, and distribute the artwork in any format, medium, or platform, for promotional, marketing, or other purposes. Please ensure you retain copies of your original work, as submissions will not be returned.