

Library Bookmark Design Contest 2026

Show off your creativity and design a limited-edition Oneida Community Library Bookmark! A limited run of the winning designs will be printed and available during Native American Heritage Month (November) and distributed for the next year (while supplies last).

Submissions Deadline: September 25th, 2026

Voting: September 30th, 2026

Winner Announced: October 1st, 2026

Bookmarks Available: November 2026 (Native American Heritage Month)

Eligibility

- Open to all ages 6-15
- Participants must:
 - Be residents of Brown or Outagamie County
 - Hold a valid InfoSoup library card
- Limit one entry per person

Guidelines

- Designs must be artist's original and unpublished artwork (no copying, tracing, or copyrighted characters/logos)
- Digital artwork may be used by an artist in their process for creating their art. This could include, but is not limited to, Adobe Photoshop & Illustrator, Fresco, or Procreate. However, the digital construction method, including layers, unflattened working art of your digital file must be provided.
- Materials created by Artificial Intelligence (AI) either partially or wholly, are not allowed in submitted work. Further, the artist may not use any AI generated or Stock/Royalty Free artwork as part of their submitted piece. If there are questions, the Library Director will be the sole judge of acceptability.
- Artwork must be appropriate for all audiences. Absolutely no offensive or inappropriate content.
- Keep important elements away from edges (for printing purposes).
- Do not include personal identifying information on the design.
- Designs should reflect what you love about the library and the Oneida Community!
- Final bookmark size: 2" x 7" (standard bookmark size)
- By entering, participants grant OCL permission to reproduce and distribute the artwork and use designs for promotional purposes.

Submission Requirements

- Accepted formats:
 - Physical artwork (flat and scannable)
 - Digital files (JPEG or PNG, high resolution preferred)
- **Submit using the official contest template (PDF)**
- Drop off at Oneida Community Library- Main branch or submit to our email at oneidacommunitylibrary@oneidanation.org

Judging & Voting

- To avoid bias, judges will not be library staff but will be anonymous members of the Oneida community.

Winners

- One winner (Aged 6-15)
- Winner announced On November 1st
- Winning designs will be printed as official library bookmarks and available starting in November for Native American Heritage Month.

Official Rules

For any questions, reach out to Kaluhyatatsyes Rice-John, Library Services Associate, at kricejoh@oneidanation.org.

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Official Judging Rubric (100 Points)

Criteria	Description	Points
Connection to Oneida Community & Library	Design reflects Oneida culture, values, community, language, history, contemporary life, and/or the importance of the library.	30
Creativity & Originality	Artwork demonstrates unique ideas, imagination, and a fresh artistic approach.	25
Visual Impact	Design is eye-catching, memorable, and effective at a small library bookmark size.	20
Technical Quality	Artwork is clear, well-crafted, and suitable for printing. Digital or physical submissions show strong execution and attention to detail.	15
Adherence to Contest Guidelines	Follows all contest requirements, including originality, appropriate content, size/template specifications, and submission requirements.	10
Total Possible Score		100