



TASL Bookmark Contest

2025-2026 FAQs

Who may enter the contest?

- Any current member of TASL
- Non-member libraries are not eligible.

What if I am a district supervisor or work in multiple schools?

- Any member may submit a maximum of THREE entries per division for each school they serve.

What if I am not a member of TASL?

- Join now! Visit www.tasltn.org

How do I run the contest at my school?

You choose what works best for your school. Options include:

- Work with classroom or art teachers.
- Have students work on their entries during library time or free time.
- Promote as a schoolwide contest and offer prizes for winners in your school.

The Divisions are comprised of which grade levels?

- Division I: Primary/Grades K -2
- Division II: Intermediate/Grades 3 – 5
- Division III: Middle/Grades 6 – 8
- Digital Division III: Middle/Grades 6 – 8
- Division IV: High/Grades 9 – 12
- Digital Division IV: Middle/Grades 9 - 12

Can all grade levels compete in the Digital Art category?

- No, only students in Division III & IV (middle and high school students) are eligible to compete in Digital Art.
- Divisions I & II must be hand-drawn.

How are Digital Art entries to be submitted?

- All entries, including digital art, must be hard copies and submitted via US Postal Service mail. Please allow plenty of lead time for them to arrive. The last two years we have recieved entries after the judging has taken place.

What are the criteria that the judges will use?

Entries in each category will be considered using the following as guidelines for scoring:

- Creativity
- Execution of the theme: **"Color Your World Through Books @ Your School Library!"**
- **Artists should include the theme on the bookmark. Entries that do not have the theme included in the design will not be considered.**
- Artistic use of materials (digital art, paint, crayon, markers etc. **NO coloring pencils**)
- The entry is completed correctly, with all information and a parent signature visible.

When do I send in the contest entries?

- Send entries via mail anytime, but **must be postmarked by December 5, 2025.**
- Send entries to:

TASL Bookmark Contest
Rose Hill School
c/o Krista L. Grace, Librarian
2233 Beech Bluff Road
Jackson, TN. 38301

What information do I need to submit an entry?

- The contest templates for photocopying are on the Bookmark Contest page at www.taslttn.org
- Each entry needs the student's name, grade, school, school address, the member librarian's name and email address. **Entries with missing information will not be considered.**
- We also ask for parent/guardian signature for publicity and privacy purposes. Entries without a parent/guardian signature will be disqualified.
- In loco parentis signatures are acceptable for boarding schools or similar situations.
- **We recommend that you fill out as much of the entry with school information as possible before photocopying for student distribution.**
- **Entries must be postmarked by Friday, December 5, 2025**

Will I be able to get my student entries back?

- Entries will not be returned.
- We advise that you scan your entries into a file or make color copies for your records before mailing.

What are the prizes?

1st place winners receive:

- Students: \$25 Amazon gift card
50 bookmarks of their own design
- School librarians: 200 bookmarks of the winning design
and an enlargement of the winning bookmark
- An award certificate

2nd place winners receive:

- Students: 25 bookmarks of their design
- School librarians: 100 bookmarks of their design
- An enlargement of their bookmark
- An award certificate

How do schools publicize their school's winners?

- Immediately following the judging, emails are sent to the Librarians who have winning or honorable mention bookmarks.
- As soon as all winners have been contacted each School Librarian will be provided with a model press release to send out to their local news media sources and district communications department.
- It is the responsibility of the school librarian to provide more in depth ceremonies, interviews and news coverage. Please tag @tasltn when sharing on social media.
- TASL will gladly help out with information to encourage news events.
- TASL encourages members to send any new articles about this event for inclusion in the TASL newsletter and at the TASL conference.

Questions?

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