

Art Contest

Artists are invited to create original art inspired by the censure of one of the following books, among those most frequently challenged or banned in 2010, for a contest cosponsored by the American Civil Liberties Union of Michigan Southwestern Branch and Kalamazoo Public Library.

The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian, Sherman Alexie

The Hunger Games, Suzanne Collins

Nickel and Dimed, Barbara Ehrenreich

Brave New World, Aldous Huxley

Revolutionary Voices, Amy Sonnie

Huckleberry Finn, Mark Twain

Event

Art contest entries will be featured during the October 7 Art Hop reception at the library to celebrate Banned Books Week, September 24 through October 1. Local personalities will read from the six books. Contest winners will be announced during the event.

Eligibility

Contest open to artists residing in Southwest Michigan. Artwork should be submitted in either the senior or junior category. Typically, senior artists will be older than 18 years; junior artists will be in secondary school grades 7 to 12.

Artwork & Judging

Artists may enter one original artwork in any medium, not to exceed 3 feet in any dimension. No direct copies of existing artwork, photos, or graphics will be accepted. Art will be judged by content and interpretation (censorship of one of the six books), creativity, craftsmanship, and overall impact.

Awards

The ACLU will award four cash prizes: \$1,000 to the senior winner and three junior prizes of \$150, \$100 and \$50. One Honorable Mention and one People's Choice (both noncash prizes) will be awarded in each category. Winners will be announced at the event and posted on the KPL, www.kpl.gov/banned-books, and ACLU websites, <http://bit.ly/ACLU-SWMI>.

Display of Entries

Artworks will be displayed on the Kalamazoo Public Library's first floor from October 7 to 14. Please mat, frame or mount 2-D work so it may be placed on table top easels. All 3-D work must be sturdy and able to be handled and moved safely. Securely attach the ID label to the back of your entry.

Delivery of Entries

Entries must be received by mail no later than Tuesday, October 4. Hand-delivered entries will be accepted Tuesday, October 4, or Wednesday, October 5, between 9 am to 9 pm, at Kalamazoo Public Library, 315 S. Rose Street.

Liability

Work is submitted at owner's risk. Although every precaution will be taken, the ACLU and KPL are not responsible for artwork while on library premises. The ACLU and KPL reserve the right to refuse any entry and to withdraw any work from the exhibition.

Return of Entries

Pick up artwork on Wednesday, October 19, between 9 am to 5 pm. Entries not picked up by deadline may be disposed of unless arrangements are made in advance.

Questions?

Contact KPL's Kevin King, kevink@kpl.gov, or the ACLU's Jacquelyn Taylor, jvmt@yahoo.com.

Entry Form

Please print clearly.
(This information is used for artwork labels.)

SPECIFY CATEGORY

Senior Junior

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Website _____

Title _____

Identification Label

Title _____

Medium _____

Artist _____