

2026 BLACK HISTORY MONTH ART CONTEST

Deadline: Saturday, February 28

2026's Contest Theme is Building Tomorrow: Black Youth Shaping the Future

Create an original art piece that highlights the influence of young Black trailblazers and activists on New Orleans and the nation, or connects past movements to future progress. Honor their legacy, amplify their voices, and imagine the future they and you are building.

Black youth have always been at the forefront of change, from the Civil Rights Movement of the 1950s, to the Black Power Movements of the 1960s, to today's Black Lives Matter movement. Now it's your turn to participate.

Rules:

- You are eligible to enter if you live in or go to school in Orleans Parish and are in grades K–12.
- Artwork may be submitted digitally or in person at any Library location.

Additional Contest Info:

- All participants will receive a free book for entering.
- 1st Place winners in each grade category will receive a gift card.
- To learn more, scan the QR code, visit any Library location, or visit nolalibrary.co/BHM.

