2027 BLACK HISTORY MONTH ART CONTEST

Library Foundation of New Orleans

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2027's Contest Theme is **From Print Culture to Digital Blackness**

The 2027 contest theme explores how Black storytelling and self-expression evolved from print to digital platforms, and how these tools can empower communities, preserve culture, and shape the future.

Create an original artwork inspired by Black print culture, digital Blackness, or the connection between the two. Consider these questions:

- *Who would you feature on the cover of a book or magazine celebrating Black history or culture?*
- *What would a new print or digital resource dedicated to Black history look like?*
- *How would you use a publication or digital archive to preserve the stories of 21st-century Black Americans for future generations?*

Deadline: Saturday, February 27

Rules:

- To enter, artists must live in or go to school in Orleans Parish and be in grades K–12. Entries will be judged by grade categories (K–2, 3–5, 6–8, 9–12) and a 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winner will be determined in each category.
- Only one entry per person.
- The preferred size of artwork is 8.5"x11", not smaller.
- Digital submissions should be a PDF or JPG file (at a resolution of 300 dpi or higher).
- Artwork may be submitted in person to a Library location, with a completed submission form paper-clipped to the artwork. Name should be on entry form not artwork.

How to Submit Digitally:

Use online entry form, found at **nolalibrary.co/BHM** or by scanning the QR code. Upload your art submission to the form. Email us at **contest@nolalibrary.org** with questions or if assistance is needed.

Prizes:

- All entrants will receive a free book
- 1st place winners in each grade category will receive a gift card
- 1st–3rd place winners receive a framed poster of their winning artwork

Complete this section if you are submitting your artwork in person at the Library:

Name _____ **Phone** _____

Email Address _____ **Grade** _____

School _____ **Teacher** _____

Homeschool students check this box ☐ **Work is original to person submitting entry** ☐

Parent or guardian

_____ _____

PRINT NAME SIGNATURE

Parent or guardian contact info *(if different from above)*

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EMAIL PHONE

Title of piece *optional* _____

Who or what inspired you? *optional* _____

By participating in this contest, the winners (and their parents or guardian) agree to let the New Orleans Public Library use their photographs, names, and/or likenesses for promotion of the Library without further compensation. All information gathered is for the use of the New Orleans Public Library in administering the contest and will not be shared except to publicize the winners. The Library may reproduce the artwork for promotional materials of the contest including printing and posting online. The artist retains all permissions and copyright to the work.