

Inspiring Stories

Quarter 4: October – December 2025

Library Month Bookmark Design Contest

To celebrate Library Month, we invited the community to take part in a bookmark design contest inspired by the theme **#LibrariesForLife**. Artists, doodlers, and book lovers of all ages and skill levels were encouraged to participate.

The contest featured four age categories: Kids (8 and under), Tweens (9 to 12), Teens (Grades 8 to 12), and Adults (18+), with submissions accepted in both hand-drawn and digital formats.

The community response was fantastic with 77 bookmark designs submitted! The entries showed off an amazing range of creativity and skill, and library staff were invited to vote for their favourite designs to choose a winner.

We were blown away by the creativity and talent in every age group, which made picking just one winner a real challenge. Because of that, we decided to award a runner-up and an honourable mention for each age group. Only the winning designs were professionally printed and shared, but runner-ups and honourable mentions still received certificates, a small gift cards, and bookmarks printed in-house.

The winning bookmarks were distributed in a limited run at Capilano, Lynn Valley, Parkgate, and Lions Gate Express Libraries, allowing patrons to take home designs created by members of their own community.

Overall, the contest was a success, generating strong community participation, staff engagement, and a fun way to celebrate Library Month.

