



ART PATHWAYS CONTEST

About The Art Pathways Contest

Art Pathways is a youth art contest all about books, imagination, and showing off the creativity of kids and teens. Read a book, paint your favorite moment, and bring the story to life with a little help from *Marty the Library Cat*, who loves sneaking into great stories just as much as you do.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER!

Contest Starts: **Tuesday, April 7**

Contest Ends: **Friday, May 8**

Awards Ceremony: **Thursday, June 11 | 6:00PM**

Art Kit Pick-Up Starts: **Tuesday, April 7**

- Pick up **free** art supplies including an 8 in x 10 in canvas, paint, and brushes. *Available to the first 500 participants. While supplies last.*

CONTEST GUIDELINES

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Ages 5 to 18
- Only one entry per person
- Participant must have an active McAllen Public Library Card
- Visit any McAllen Public Library location
- Check out a book at the Circulation Desk
- Register for the contest at checkout

THE ART CHALLENGE:

- Create your artwork on an **8 in x 10 in canvas only**
- Use acrylic paint only & canvas must be dry on submission
- Paint a scene, moment, or detail from your favorite part of the book you read
- Paint *Marty the Library Cat* into your favorite story
- Artwork must be original
- Only sign artwork on the back of the canvas

ARTIST STATEMENT:

Each entry must include a short written description on the provided index card that tells us:

- Title of the book you read
- The statement must be 2-3 sentences long
- What part of the story inspired your artwork
- Each participant will be assigned a number that matches their artwork and statement

Disclaimer

By entering the contest, participants agree that their artwork becomes the property of McAllen Public Library. Submissions may be photographed or reproduced for display and promotional purposes. Contest winners will be recognized at an awards ceremony on Thursday, June 11 at 6:00PM