



LOCAL AUTHOR COLLECTION

Submission Form

Thank you for your interest in submitting your work for consideration in the McAllen Public Library Local Author Collection. This collection highlights authors from the Rio Grande Valley and helps preserve and share local stories, voices, and creativity with the community.

Completed submission forms and one copy of the print book must be mailed or delivered in person to McAllen Public Library. Due to the number of submissions received, inclusion in the collection is not guaranteed and all selection decisions are final.

Author Information

Author Full Name: _____

Pen Name (if applicable): _____

Email Address: _____ **Phone #:** _____

Mailing Address: _____ **City / State / Zip Code:** _____

Website: _____ **Social Media:** _____

Are you from or currently live in the Rio Grande Valley? Yes No

Author biography written in third person (maximum 120 words):

Book Information

Book Title: _____

Genre: _____ **ISBN:** _____

Publisher: _____ **Publication Date:** _____

Age Category: _____

Brief Book Synopsis:

Frequently Asked Questions:

- **What types of books ARE considered?:** The Local Author Collection features literature connected to the Rio Grande Valley and its communities. We consider children's and young adult books, fiction, poetry, graphic novels, memoirs, narrative nonfiction, cookbooks, and art or photography books.
- **What types of books ARE NOT considered?:** We do not consider self-help, instructional, business, academic, devotional, journal, or workbook titles. Books using primarily AI-generated writing or artwork will not be considered, though limited AI-assisted editing or formatting tools may be used. E-book only or audio only releases will not be considered.
- **What about self-published books?:** Self-published books are welcome. Submitted books should be professionally edited, proofread, designed, and include an ISBN.

Acknowledgment:

Initial on each line to confirm your understanding.

- I am from or reside in the Rio Grande Valley. _____
- I have a valid McAllen Public Library card. _____
- Submitted materials will not be purchased or returned by the Library. _____
- Submissions are reviewed by a selection committee based on presentation, readability, spelling and grammar, and originality of artwork. _____
- Selection decisions are final and not all applicants will be selected. _____
- Submitted work is my original work. _____
- Book must be in hardcover or trade paperback format. _____
- It may take up to 90 days after acceptance for book to be added to Library's collection. _____

How to submit:

Completed Submission Form & copy of Print Book may be mailed or delivered to:

Local Author Collection

c/o ADPS

McAllen Public Library

4001 N. 23rd St.

McAllen, TX 78504

Questions?

For questions regarding submissions, email:

referencelibrarian@mcallen.net

Subject Line: Local Author Collection

Sign & Date

By submitting my book for consideration in McAllen Public Library's Local Author Collection, I agree to follow all submission guidelines. I have read, understand, and accept the terms outlined.

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____