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## [Youth Art Month Contest](#)

# OCEANS OF POSSIBILITIES

## 2022

## Youth Art-Contest Winners



Winners from left to right include: Ben McClary, Zoa Barker, Emilee Allsop, Mackenzie Wood (top), Remy Niederman (bottom), and Lola Burkson

In March we asked children to create original artwork using the theme of our summer reading games—Oceans of Possibilities! As usual, you did not disappoint, submitting over 70 pieces of artwork to the contest!

Our staff members were pleased to receive so many creative and imaginative entries.

“It certainly made the decision tough—we ended up choosing six winners!” said Ginny Hosler, a librarian, and the contest’s programmer.

The six winning pieces will be made into collectible summer reading prize bookmarks. Children who participate in the games will receive a bookmark as their 10-point prize.

But we’re not stopping there! “There were so many great submissions that we decided to showcase all of the entries at the Downtown Library this summer. We hope everyone will come and see just how creative our community is!” Hosler said. [Read more about Youth Art Month Contest](#)

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## [Tales and Tails of Summer Reading](#)



This summer we challenged you to read one-million minutes during Tails and Tales, our animal-themed summer reading games. Even better, the Friends of the Library Foundation pledged to donate \$1,000 to the Monroe County Humane Association if that goal was achieved! Not only did you smash the goal in early July, but you kept on reading for a total of 1,894,485 minutes!

In celebration of all the tales you read (and tails you read about), the Friends presented a check to the Monroe County Humane Association, supporting animals in our community! The Friends also provided generous summer reading game prizes, books, and events to readers. [Read more about Tales and Tails of Summer Reading](#)

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## [Narwhal Appreciation Post](#)



"Tails and Tales" summer reading games may be over, but we'll love that narwhal mascot for life! If you're not ready for the end and want to learn more about narwhals, we can help!

Did you know that you have access to [World Book Online](#) with your library card? World Book Online helps you find answers and learn at any reading level—both at school and at home! You can find info on narwhals here! Did you know that the narwhal's tusk is actually a long tooth?! You can also find resources for early literacy, student research, beginner's Spanish language tools, eBooks, and more! [Read more about Narwhal Appreciation Post](#)

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## [One Million Minutes!](#)



1,102,067! That's how many minutes you read as part of the Library's 2020 Summer Reading Games, which went digital this year. 1,574 participants (815 kids, 178 teens, and 581 adults) completed challenges, reviewed books, and logged their minutes read.

The Summer Reading Games couldn't happen without the support of the [Friends of the Monroe County Public Library](#)! Not only did the Friends sponsor the annual summer reading program, they pledged to donate \$2,000 to [Hoosier Hills Food Bank](#) if the Library's community-wide reading goal of 200,000 minutes was met. [Read more](#)

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## [New Summer Reading Goal: 1 Million Minutes](#)



You did it! The community-wide reading goal of 200,000 minutes was met on Saturday, June 13, just 13 days into the summer reading games! Congrats to [Hoosier Hills Food Bank](#), who will receive a \$2,000 check from the Friends of the Library.

Since then, you've far surpassed this goal and have made it all the way to 539,745 minutes, as of Monday morning, June 29! In fact, the Library now has a new goal for summer reading—1 million minutes!

Should this goal be met, some staff members have pledged personal donations totaling \$1,525 to various community organizations of their choice. The organizations these staff members have selected include: [Read more about New Summer Reading Goal: 1 Million Minutes](#)

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## [Going on an Origami Bear Hunt!](#)

[The Summer Reading Games are here!](#) Between now and August 1, you can [register on Beanstack](#) and play online. There's an app too! Read for fun and complete activities to earn badges and tickets for prize drawings. Activities like this origami bear!

Check out these instructions and follow along with the video to create your own origami bear. After you've made your bear, hang it in your window for others to see. When you go for a walk, look for bears in other people's windows too. How many bears can you find on your bear hunt? [Read more about Going on an Origami Bear Hunt!](#)

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## [Dream Big: Read!](#)

The text "Dream Big READ!" is written in a large, black, serif font. The word "Dream" is on the top line, "Big" is on the middle line, and "READ!" is on the bottom line. Small black stars are scattered around the text, particularly around the words "Dream" and "Big".

Our [Summer Reading Program](#) has taken off like a rocket! Our theme this year is *Dream Big: Read!* -- a fun theme with many interpretations. Sometimes, you might want to read simply to escape into a dream world for a while. And, of course, your librarians will tell you that the ability to read gives you the ability to achieve your dreams, for learning to read enables you to read to learn. We are unabashed advocates of the notion that knowledge is power. Learning about something, learning how to do something can inspire and empower you to act, to do, to become! [Read more about Dream Big: Read!](#)

Posted by Lisa C. on June 1, 2012 [Dream Something Big: The Story of the Watts Towers](#) [Long Shot: Never Too Small to Dream Big](#)  
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