

Unleash Your Creativity: Join Our Banned Books Week Art Contest

Here at Colby College Libraries, we believe fiercely in the power of stories, the freedom to read, and the open exchange of ideas. As we celebrate Banned Books Week, we're thrilled to announce a unique opportunity for our entire Colby community to engage with these vital themes: our **Banned Books Week Community Art Contest!**

This isn't just a contest; it's a celebration of intellectual freedom and a chance to visually interpret the profound impact of banned books and the fundamental "right to read." We invite all members of the Colby College community—students, faculty, and staff—to lend their artistic voice to this important conversation.

Your Canvas, Your Message: What to Create

We're looking for original artwork that resonates with the spirit of Banned Books Week. You can choose to:

1. **Depict a Banned Book:** Bring a scene, character, or the essence of a banned book to life through your art.
2. **Reimagine a Banned Book Cover:** Give a new visual identity to a book that has faced censorship.
3. **Explore "The Right to Read" Theme:** Create a piece that visually articulates the importance of intellectual freedom, access to information, and the right to choose what we read.

There is no cap on your creativity, nor on the number of submissions you can enter! We encourage you to explore multiple ideas and share your diverse perspectives.

Submission Guidelines: Get Your Art Ready!

To ensure your incredible work can be properly showcased, please pay close attention to the submission specifications:

- **Dimensions:** Your piece should measure **7,950 x 11,850 pixels**.
- **Resolution:** Please ensure your artwork is at **300 DPI (dots per inch)**.
- **Orientation:** All submissions must be in a **vertical orientation**, corresponding to **26.5 inches by 39.5 inches**.
- **Format:** We prefer high-resolution JPG or PNG files.
- **Creation:** the work should be an original piece, created by the submitter, without use of Generative AI for the creation of the submitted piece
- **How to Submit:** Please email your entries to **lib.comm.marketing@colby.edu**.
- **Deadline:** All submissions must be received by **October 31st at 5:00 PM**.

Winners, Display, and Inspiration for Years to Come!

A dedicated team within the Colby College Libraries will carefully review all submissions and select the winning entries. Winners will be notified and invited to a special unveiling event.

The winning artworks will be professionally printed by the library and proudly displayed at both the **Bixler and Miller Libraries**. Imagine your art becoming a permanent source of inspiration, sparking conversations, and reminding students for years to come about the enduring importance of Banned Books Week and the invaluable "right to read."

Don't miss this opportunity to make your mark, advocate for intellectual freedom, and share your artistic talent with the Colby community. We can't wait to see your creations!

Still have questions? Please email Alice Cantrell at acantrel@colby.edu