

Here's everything the 2026 PBParty Google entry form for AUTHOR/ILLUSTRATORS will ask you. You can copy it and put it into Word or Google docs and add your responses so you'll be ready to copy and paste them in when the submission window is open on March 17 from midnight until 8 pm Eastern.

You can't add your responses here, or it would show up for everyone, so please don't request editing access. Good luck. We can't wait to read your entry! :)

***We suggest you upload your two illustration samples to our Illustration TEST form for PBParty Author/Illustrators to make sure you won't have issues on submission day:**

<https://forms.gle/Vt8BQT2AEtNnxYwc8>

PBParty 2026 - Author/Illustrators

If you are a writer and not an author/illustrator--please use the [Writer form](#).

The name, email, and photo associated with your Google account will be recorded when you upload files and submit this form

* Indicates required question

Email*

Title - Please Format the Title Like This...**NOT ALL CAPS***

First 60 words (70 max) *ART NOTES COUNT***** Don't paginate, indent, share spreads, or stop mid-sentence. Text and necessary art notes only. **Tip:** Putting an asterisk before and after parts you want in italics will display the text that way.*

Query (Complete query, like you'd send to an agent/editor). Don't include your name or address. **If your query isn't professional, is missing a bio or query blurb, you will be disqualified**--so please double check that it's ready to dazzle. *

What inspired you to write this story--and what do you have in common with the story or main character? (Up to 100 words)*

Genres (ONLY choose 1 - 3) If your manuscript rhymes, you MUST include rhyming...unless it's only occasional wordplay rhymes. *

Diverse

Humor

Character Driven

STEM/STEAM

SEL

Contemporary

Lyrical

Bedtime

Fantasy

Concept

Holiday

Historical Fiction

Informational Fiction

Non-Fiction

Metafiction

Interactive

Biography

Rhyming

Other:

We'd love to know more about you. Check any boxes that apply. You're welcome to tell us a bit more in the "other" area - but please only include a short line or two. :)

BIPOC

Traditionally underrepresented voice in publishing

Traditionally published (or under contract) picture book

Previously agented

Past PBParty Finalist

Past PBParty Illustration Showcase

Past PBParty Honorable Mention

Other:

Word count (for full PB--not counting title, back matter or art notes). ***If the full manuscript is less than 200 words, we will read the full entry but only consider it for the Illustration Showcase***

Full name*

E-mail*

Image 1 - Please format as: Title 1 initials

*Make sure there is **NO TEXT** in the illustrations (nothing that should be read out loud...but 'welcome' on a mat and things like labels or name tags should be okay).

*Do **NOT** include speech bubbles*

Upload 1 supported file: image. Max 1 MB.

Image 2 - Please format as: Title 2 initials

From same manuscript--same size visually

*Make sure there is **NO TEXT** in the illustrations (nothing that should be read out loud...but 'welcome' on a mat and things like labels or name tags should be okay).

*Do **NOT** include speech bubbles*

Upload 1 supported file: image. Max 1 MB.

Link to portfolio (for judges only)*

Link to online dummy (for judges only--PLEASE make sure it isn't open to the public so it won't be considered published)

***Make sure judges don't need to request access**

If the dummy is still in progress, please have it as polished as possible by April 17

Dummy password (if you include a link that needs a password above)

What stage is your dummy currently in? *

Partially complete

Complete but really rough

Complete but I'm still polishing to make it dazzle

Totally done - wahooooo!

Other:

Full manuscript *This must be the same one you entered** and is just to help the judges with final selections and will NOT be featured online or shared with agents/editors***

Share 1 - 3 sentence pitches each for up to three of your strongest, polished PBs...do NOT include the PB you're entering (This is only to help us with final spots and won't be shared online)*

Did you use AI on your entry? (Spellcheck doesn't count)*

Yes

No

Other:

Did you write and illustrate the manuscript yourself? (Critique groups and paid critiques still count as you creating it yourself.) *

Yes

No, I had a co-writer or worked with an illustrator (unfortunately, these aren't allowed in this contest)

Twitter handle

BlueSky handle

Instagram handle

If selected, let us know if you'd like to keep your entry up after the contest

***Yes**, I'm happy to keep my entry viewable in case agents/editors visit post-showcase and to help future #PBParty participants (note: this is flexible if you change your mind post-showcase)

***Maybe**, I'm not sure yet, I'll let you know post-showcase

***No**, please remove my entry post-showcase

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Yes!

Keep query only

Maybe

No

We can't wait to read your entry! When you click 'Submit' you'll see a confirmation message and will also receive an e-mail. If you spot a mistake, you may edit while the form is open during the submission window. Good luck. :)

