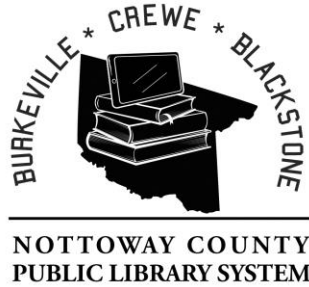


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Library Sponsors Bookmark Contest

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Last month was Library Lovers Month and this month is Youth Art month. These two celebrations were recently combined when the Nottoway County Public Library System partnered with art teachers in the Nottoway County School District for a bookmark contest.

Students were given pieces of blank card stock and asked to design bookmarks. Some entries will be displayed at each branch and the top three for each group of contestants will be displayed on the library's website and Facebook page.

Amanda Herring is the art teacher for the Crewe and Burkeville schools, and among her students, first place went to Danielle Watts. This winning bookmark will be professionally printed, and copies will be distributed to Summer Reading Program participants. The bookmarks will also be available at each branch location. Intermediate and Middle School students participated as well, and those winners were Haley Suggs and Paige Wilkerson, respectively.

Jackie Zataweski, Director for the Nottoway County Public Library System, states that the contest was well received and that she plans to offer some version of it again in 2018. "I'm considering making it open to everyone next year with blanks available at each of the branches and online," she said. In the meantime, the library has a lot planned for the future, including a spring contest to name the system's new mascot.

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