



2020 Poster Contest: A Story Called Kindness

Judging:

Two representatives each from HCPSS, HCLS, and Columbia Art Center (date tbd)

HCLS WEB PAGE *(note: Choose Civility is on hiatus so this will appear on the library's main website. Any publicity or promotion should list Howard County Library System as a partner, not Choose Civility.)*

Create and original Artwork illustrating acts of kindness. Use your imagination, creativity, and artistic talent to illustrate a scene from your life story where you've shown someone kindness or offered a helping hand.

Start by asking yourself a few questions:

- How has someone shown an act of kindness towards you or helped you when you were in need?
- How have you shown someone an act of kindness or helped someone in need?
- What does it mean to "pay it forward"?

Talk to your art teacher or media specialist for some ideas, then design a poster.

WHO

- Groups or individual students in grades K-12 who live or attend school in Howard County
- Students who attend home school or a school without grade levels should enter the comparable grade level.

WHEN

- Entries accepted April 1, 2020
- Columbia Art Center:
 - EXHIBIT: May 4 – 17, 2020
 - RECEPTION and AWARDS CEREMONY: May 6, 2020 (tentative) 6:30 – 8 pm
[ceremony at 7]

PRIZES *[HCPSS should not be purchasing gift cards; they will figure out a way this year then incorporate into partnership budget with HCLS for 2020]*



- Poster category:
 - \$50 Target gift card awarded to Grand Prize winner. Poster reproduced for countywide distribution.
 - \$25 Target gift card awarded to winner in each category: K-2, 3-5, 6-8, 9-12.

ENTRY CRITERIA

- Posters:
 - Size: 10" x 17" (horizontal or vertical) [*Include partner logos, student's name, grade and school across the bottom; finished size 11" x 17"*]
 - Do not sign or initial your entry
 - Media: Marker, colored pencil, paint, computer, photography, or mixed media.
 - Original art created solely by the contestant—no adult contributions or copyrighted characters
 - Limit the use of text. Try to tell the story with images, not words.
 - When using marking pens, avoid fluorescent or neon colors. For crayons and colored pencils, make sure the colors are filled in and solid.
 - Please do not use metallic colors, glitter, or mediums or materials that create a raised surface of more than ¼ inch.

JUDGING CRITERIA

- Adherence to theme
- Originality, creativity, and reproducibility (all entries must be clear and reproducible)
- Effective use of media

HOW

- Each poster submission should include the student's name, address, email address, phone number, school, and grade level on the reverse side of the artwork.
- All entries must be submitted to Monica Herber at the Columbia Association Art Center, 6100 Foreland Garth, Columbia, MD 21045. Entries can be dropped off or mailed.
- Questions? Call 410.730.0075 or email monica.herber@columbiaassociation.org.

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