

Library Card Design Contest

In celebration of National Library Card Sign-Up Month and the 20th anniversary of Kent Free Library's new building, we are excited to host a Library Card Design Contest.

We invite community members to submit original designs that highlight the spirit of the Kent community, the City of Kent, or Kent Free Library. A panel of library staff will select the winning design based on interpretation of the theme, creativity, and functionality as a library card.

The winning design will be featured on limited-edition library cards issued in 2026, and the artist of the winning design will receive a \$100 cash prize. Current cardholders may choose to switch to the new card design; however, this change will include a new library card number.

Submission Deadline: All entries must be submitted digitally or in person by Tuesday, September 30. The winning design will be announced in November.

Eligibility

- Must be 14 or older by the submission date to enter.
- If under the age of 18, a parent/guardian must also sign the Creative Works Release.
- Open to all Portage County residents.
- Only one entry per participant.
- Submissions must be original work of the participant and may not include AI-generated content, copyrighted materials, offensive language, or political or discriminatory content.
- Designs may be created digitally or with traditional media such as colored pencil, markers, ink, watercolor, or other mediums that can be clearly scanned at high resolution.

Submission Requirements

- Print designs must be submitted using templates provided by Kent Free Library.
- Digital designs should be submitted as .png or .jpg files at 300 DPI (high resolution)
- Maximum file size for digital submissions is 15 MB.
- Submissions must adhere to the 3.375" x 2.125" card dimensions.
 - Please note: the print template is at a larger scale to make design details easier to draw and scan.
- All designs must be received by Tuesday, September 30 to be considered.
- Submissions may include a brief artist statement explaining the design's connection to the theme.



Kent Free Library Logo

- You may incorporate our logo, or a creative variation of our logo into your design. Official logo files are available on our website under Events > Library Card Sign Up Month > Bottom of page.
- If the Kent Free Library logo is not included in the original submission, library staff reserve the right to add it before printing.

Use of Artwork

By entering, participants grant Kent Free Library the rights to use, modify, reproduce, and publish their designs for promotional and library purposes. The library reserves the right to make minor adjustments to the winning design to fit print specifications.

Submission Instructions

Digital submissions can be emailed to **paige.besmen@kentfreelibrary.org** and print submissions can be turned in at the **Check Out Desk**.

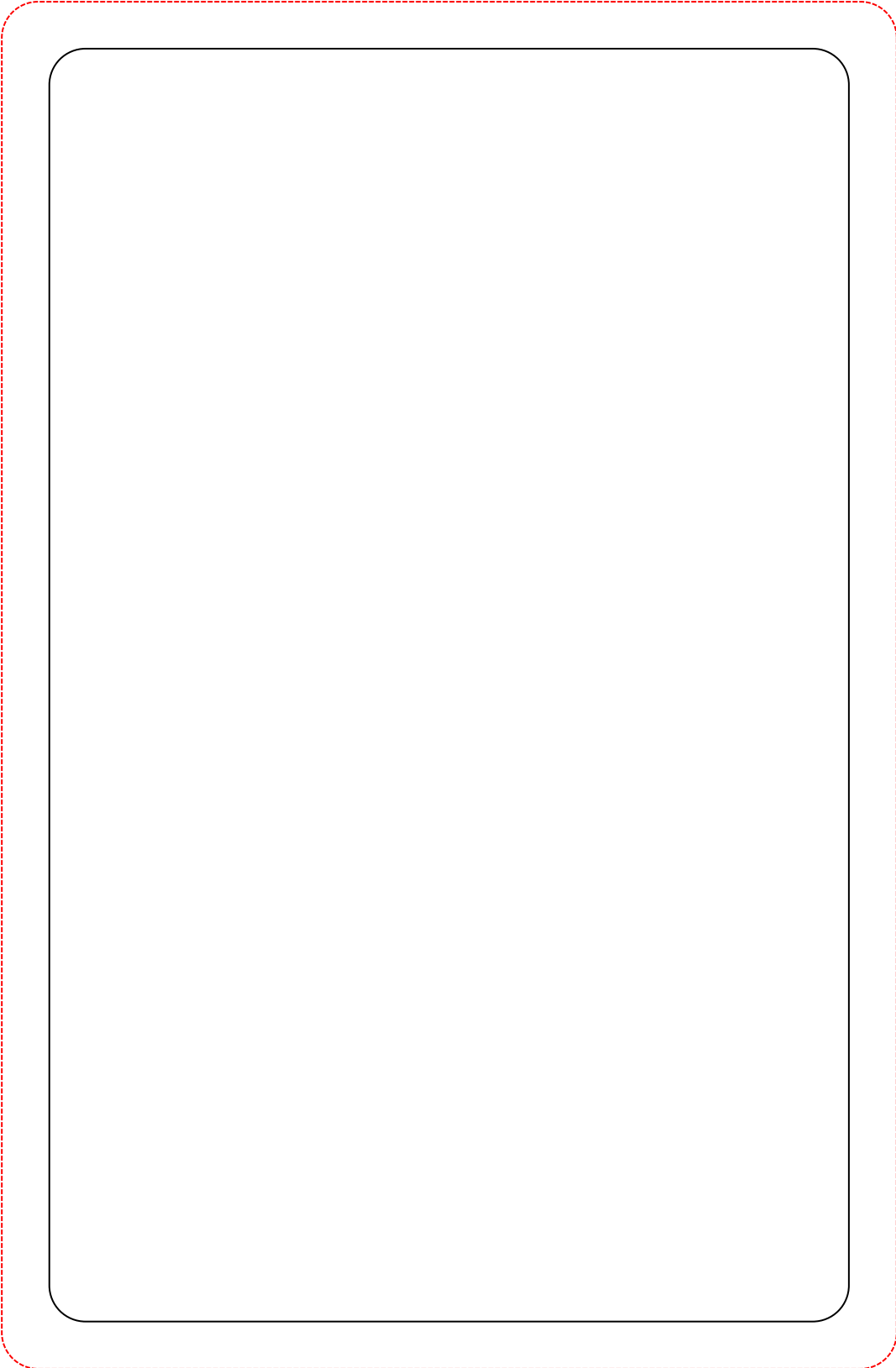
For Questions

Please direct any questions to **Paige Besmen** at **paige.besmen@kentfreelibrary.org** or **Stacey Richardson** at **stacey.richardson@kentfreelibrary.org**.

Creative Works Release Form

I hereby grant Kent Free Library the right to use, modify, reproduce, and publish my design for the 2025 Library Card Design Contest. I understand and agree that Kent Free Library may make minor adjustments to my design as needed to meet printing specifications and to incorporate the Kent Free Library logo. By submitting my design, I affirm that it is my original work and does not infringe upon the rights of any third party.

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Actual Card Size 3.375 x 2.125

Dotted Line Accommodates Bleed Edge