

# Springfield A to Z Art Contest & Rules

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## Contest Overview:

The Springfield Public Library and Springfield History Museum are thrilled to welcome submissions for our “Springfield A to Z” Art Contest from May 1 to July 31, 2021. The winning artworks from this contest will be included in our Springfield A to Z Alphabet Book, scheduled for publication in 2022. Winners will be announced on Tuesday, August 31, 2021 and will receive a free copy of the Springfield A to Z Alphabet Book upon its publication. This contest is open to residents of Springfield and the immediately surrounding areas of rural East Lane County. (1)

This project aims to celebrate the diversity of Springfield and its people, history, and environment. Artists of all ages, skill levels, and perspectives are strongly encouraged to participate. We honor that the City of Springfield is built upon the traditional homelands of the Kalapuya peoples; we recognize and celebrate the long and rich history of this area and its peoples, both before the founding and outside the formal boundaries of the City of Springfield. We also express our respect for the Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde Community of Oregon and the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians of Oregon, whose citizens include the descendants of the Kalapuya people.

The purpose of the Springfield A to Z Art Contest and Alphabet Book is to:

- highlight the beauty and community of Springfield
- celebrate local artistic talent
- create a children’s alphabet book (to be published in 2022) using the winning art pieces.

The Springfield A to Z Alphabet Book will be bilingual (English & Spanish). The book will use the Latin alphabet (A, B, C, etc.) All artwork should correspond with a letter of the Latin alphabet. We will also incorporate ñ and consider other letters based on the quantity and quality of entries for them.

- For example, you could submit “hazelnut” artwork for H in English or A in Spanish (“avellana”). Indigenous language speakers are also strongly encouraged to submit artwork.
- We recognize that not every resident of Springfield speaks a language which uses the Latin alphabet, but hope that everyone will be able to appreciate the artwork and the book.

## Artwork Submission Guidelines:

Each participant may submit up to three pieces of artwork for consideration, however only one piece from any one artist will be chosen for inclusion in the Springfield A to Z Alphabet Book. Winning artwork will be chosen using the Springfield A to Z Art Contest Selection Rubric. (2)

Artwork must adhere to the following guidelines to be considered for the contest:

- Artwork must be two-dimensional
  - The entire art piece must be able to lay flat for scanning or photographing
  - Quilted pieces, textured paintings, flat weavings, and similar submissions are acceptable
  - No larger than 11x17 inches (any orientation)
  - There is no minimum size

- Artwork may be quadrilateral or irregularly shaped, as long as it can fit within an 11x17 inch rectangle
- For works that are born-digital, please send to [springfieldmuseum@springfield-or.gov](mailto:springfieldmuseum@springfield-or.gov) with the subject line "Springfield A to Z Contest Submission".
  - For questions about digital artwork, contact Maddi McGraw at [mmcgraw@springfield-or.gov](mailto:mmcgraw@springfield-or.gov).
  - Digital artwork must adhere to all contest criteria.
- Artwork must depict a natural area, monument, historic or iconic building, landmark, object, or other visual element native and emblematic of Springfield (e.g. Hazelnuts, Hops, or Hayden Bridge would be acceptable subjects for the letter H, in English) or the immediately surrounding areas in rural East Lane County. (1)
- Artwork must be distinctly associated with a letter of the alphabet
  - e.g. W - the Willamette River, H - Hazelnuts, L - Springfield Public Library, T - Thurston Hills Natural Area
  - For ideas, visit: [wheremindsgrow.org/events](http://wheremindsgrow.org/events)
- Artwork may not include generally offensive content. (e.g. profanity, hate speech, etc.) The Springfield Public Library and Springfield History Museum will have full discretion in this matter.
- All submissions must include the completed and signed Springfield A to Z Artwork Submission Form.

#### **Additional notes on artwork:**

- Any medium may be used to create the artwork, however it must be fully fixed and secure before submission.
  - e.g. Charcoal or chalk drawings must have fixative applied
  - e.g. Oil paintings must be fully cured
  - No loose elements or pieces
  - No assembly to properly view the artwork

*The City of Springfield reserves the right to reject artwork for any reason and at any point during the Springfield A to Z Art Contest and Alphabet Book project.*

#### **Artist Eligibility:**

- There are no age restrictions in this contest. All ages and ability levels are encouraged to enter. Minors under age 18 must have permission of their parent or guardian to enter.
- All residents of Springfield and the immediately surrounding areas of rural East Lane County are eligible to enter. (1)
- Employees of the Springfield Public Library and Springfield History Museum are not eligible to enter the contest.

#### **Submission Process:**

- All artists (or their parent/guardian, if the artist is a minor) must complete and sign a contest submission form. The form is available in print from the Springfield Public Library or can be found on their website at: [wheremindsgrow.org/events](http://wheremindsgrow.org/events)
- All artwork must be submitted to the Springfield Public Library by 4:00pm on Saturday, July 31, 2021.
- All artwork must be clearly labeled with the signed and completed Springfield A to Z Artwork Submission form. We recommend also identifying the artwork with your name and contact information on the back of the artwork in case it is unexpectedly separated from the submission form.

- No purchase is necessary to win and no purchase increases odds of winning.

**Retrieval Process:**

- All artwork must be retrieved by the artist or primary contact between October 1, 2021 and January 8, 2022.
  - To retrieve the artwork, come to the Springfield Public Library during open hours.
  - The artist or primary contact must bring photo identification.
  - In the event of an unexpected closure or delay, other arrangements will be made.
- The City of Springfield is not liable for damages to or losses associated with the artwork while the artwork is in their possession.

(1) Springfield and rural East Lane County include the city limits of Springfield (including Thurston and Glenwood), the Marcola area, and the McKenzie River communities stretching east to McKenzie Bridge. These communities were chosen because they reflect the mission scope of the Springfield History Museum, whose mission is in part to promote an appreciation of the diverse communities that call Springfield and rural East Lane County home.

(2) Springfield A to Z Art Contest  
Selection Rubric

Springfield Public Library and Springfield History Museum curatorial leads (Youth Librarian Taylor Worley and Museum Curator Maddi McGraw) will review and ultimately select all artwork for the Springfield A to Z book.

Artwork selected for the Springfield A to Z book will be determined by:

- Adherence to contest guidelines
- Connection to corresponding letter of the alphabet
- Representation of diverse perspectives
- Innovative use of media

This rubric was created to guide the selection process for artwork to be included in the Springfield A to Z book.

1. Adherence to guidelines
2. Connection to alphabet letter
3. Connection to the purpose of the contest
4. Quality of execution
5. Creativity

Each of the five rubric areas can receive a score from 0 to 5, for a total score of up to 25.

Some letters of the alphabet will naturally garner more entries, thus creating a more competitive field. Chances of inclusion in the Springfield A to Z book will vary by letter popularity.

Questions? Email or call Taylor Worley (Springfield Public Library) at [tworley@springfield-or.gov](mailto:tworley@springfield-or.gov) or 541-726-3766 x2243 or Maddi McGraw (Springfield History Museum) at [mmcgraw@springfield-or.gov](mailto:mmcgraw@springfield-or.gov) or 541-726-3677. Voicemails will be returned.



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