PORTSMOUTH FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY
SUMMER READING POSTER CONTEST
GRADES K TO 5TH
SUBMIT BY APRIL 24, 2026

Contest Rules and Guidelines:

- All K to 5th-grade students are invited to participate.
- There is no fee.
- One entry per student.
- All entries must be **original student works** (no traced, trademarked, or copyrighted characters and slogans)
- Poster reflects this year's summer reading theme of "**PLANT A SEED, READ**"
- The required poster size is 11 inches by 17 inches (tabloid size).
- All entries must have a complete and legible entry form attached to the back of the poster (please tape the form to the back - no staples).
- The student's name should NOT appear on the front of the poster.
- Posters can be created using poster paints, watercolor, colored pencils, pastels, oil, crayons, pencils, charcoal, markers, and original digital art.
- Please note: Pastels, pencils, and charcoal should be sprayed with a fixative to prevent smearing.
- Posters can be dropped off or submitted electronically (PDF, PNG, or JPG formats) to the Children's Library (kids@portsmouthlibrary.org).

Winner Selection Criteria:

- Artistic Merit (design, use of color, and layout).
- Poster Message should relate to the theme: **PLANT A SEED, READ**
- Originality (unique, creative design).
- Neatness (free of spelling and grammatical errors and/or stray marks).

Contest winners from each group will receive a $10 Dunkin' gift card, and their poster will be displayed in the Children's Library during summer reading from June 15 to August 14, 2026. Submissions are due April 24, 2026.
One winner will be selected in each grade group: K— 1st, 2nd— 3rd, and 4th— 5th.
Winners will be picked by the Portsmouth Free Public Library Board of Trustees on May 6, 2026. Contest winners will be contacted by May 10, 2026.
By participating in the poster contest, students grant the Library permission to use their artwork, in whole or in part, for promotional materials, displays, or any other purposes related to the Summer Reading 2026 program.

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