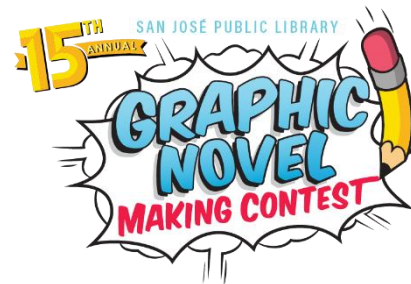


San José Public Library

2023 Graphic Novel Making Contest Guidelines



San José Public Library's Graphic Novel Making Contest is open to all California residents and participants of all ages.

Here's how to enter ...

- Create your own comic book/graphic novel with a maximum length of 8 pages, including the cover page.
- **Use letter-size paper (8.5 x 11") with black-and-white drawings on single-sided pages only.**
- Each submission must be the creative and original work of the submitting author/illustrator. Any submissions with more than one author/illustrator will be considered a single entry judged under the age category of the oldest author/illustrator listed and will share any prizes possibly awarded.
- The contest is limited to amateur authors/illustrators only.
- Computer generated images are acceptable as long as they are your original work (no clip art).
- Consider submitting a photocopy or digital scan that is an accurate reflection of the original (San José Public Library cannot guarantee the return of paper submissions).
- Submissions that are not appropriate for a general audience are ineligible for award.
- San José Public Library reserves the right to reproduce your work. You can reuse all your work after the contest.
- Complete the **Graphic Novel Making Contest Entry Form**. **Entries turned in without a complete Contest Entry Form will be ineligible.** Entries with more than one author/illustrator must each provide a Graphic Novel Making Contest Entry Form with their submission.
- Entries are encouraged to be submitted digitally at <https://sanjose.librariesshare.com/sjgraphicnovelcontest/> or emailed to graphicnovels@sjlibrary.org as a JPEG or PDF attachment. Digital entries must be submitted no later than 11:59 PM on Monday, July 31, 2023.
- Entries can also be submitted to any operating San José Public Library location no later than end of business day on Monday, July 31, 2023. Not all library locations operate on Sundays.
- **There is a limit of one entry per contestant(s).**

Entries will be judged using a rubric scale covering the following: overall story, originality, creativity and illustration by a panel of library staff and comic industry professionals. The detailed judging criteria and rubric used for this contest is available on our website (see below).

First, second and third place winners in every age group (0-7, 8-9, 10-12, 13-17, 18+) will be awarded a prize; up to two additional honorable mention winners may be selected in each age group. All cash prizes will be awarded as gift cards.

Winners will be announced during an In-Person Award Ceremony on Saturday, September 9, 2023.

For more information, including FAQ's and the judging criteria, please visit <http://www.sjpl.org/graphicnovels>

San José Public Library staff members are ineligible to participate.