



WASHINGTON COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM

In celebration of the National Library Week theme “*Libraries Transform*”, the Washington County Library System wants you to transform an old discarded book into a piece of art!

What is upcycled book art?

An “altered book” is a book that has been transformed by creative means into a work of art. Creating altered books may be as simple as adding a drawing or text to a page or as complex as creating an intricate book sculpture.

Entry Specifications:

- The exhibition is open to everyone ages 5 through 105! Age categories are: Kids 5-8, Kids 9-12, Teens 13-15, Teens 16-18, Adults 19+, and special needs in all age groups. Winners in each age group will receive a gift card and a plaque. The gift card award amounts will be: 1st place \$25, 2nd place \$15, 3rd place \$10, Honorable mention \$5.
- Each participant will be given one book that has been designated for recycling by the library, or the participant may use their own book. Books can be picked up at any of the eight Washington County Library branches. If multiple books are necessary for a project, the participant is responsible for acquiring additional books. Due to limited space, entries must be no larger than 24” wide x 18” long x 18” high, and hanging entries or wall mounted entries cannot be accepted.
- There are NO RULES about how to alter your book – you can add to, carve, cut up, fold, paint, collage, or reconfigure the book – in short, whatever comes to mind! Remember, it is the book that we want to see transformed, so include the book in your project.
- All entries must be submitted to the library branches on March 29th, 30th and 31st. Judging will be done by a blind jury on April 2nd. Entries will be judged on originality, technique, and theme.
- Entries will be on display at the library branches through the month of April. Entries may be picked up on May 1st through May 11th during regular library hours.
- Employees of Washington County Library System are encouraged to submit an entry, however, they will not be eligible to win a gift card prize.

Delivery of Work: Work may be hand delivered to any of the Washington County Library System branches. Entries *must* be accompanied by a completed and signed registration form. All work must be ready for display. Due to display restrictions, no hanging or wall mounted projects can be accepted. The Library has the right to refuse entry to the competition of works that are not suitable for display or for family viewing.

Exhibit: The altered books will be on display for the month of April at the library branches. Any project that is not picked up during this time becomes the property of the Library System. Written permission must be provided in advance for someone other than the creator to pick up the work.

Liability: Washington County Library System will make every effort to insure the safe handling of entries, but does not assume responsibility for damage or loss.

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Questions? If more information is needed, please email Micki Clements at: mclements@washco.lib.ut.us.