Help us celebrate the freedom to read. In conjunction with Banned Books Week (Sept. 18-24, 2022) we seek original artworks on paper, inspired by books or authors that have been challenged, censored, or banned.

Seven works will be selected to be printed as trading cards, with artwork on the front and information about the book and artist statement on the back.

All entries will be displayed at the library, and trading cards will be distributed. Selected entries will also receive $100 and a poster-sized print of their work.

Open to artists of all ages within Orange, Durham, Wake, Chatham, and Alamance Counties.

Artwork must be an original design and not a replication of existing book cover imagery or other artwork.

For artwork delivery in person, by mail, or for additional information, please contact:

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The artwork must measure 5 inches wide by 7 inches tall (vertical only, no horizontal art will be accepted) and have a margin of 1/4 inch on all sides.

Dotted lines are the edges of your 5” wide x 7” tall artwork. The yellow zone is the 1/4” “bleed area”, where no text or important imagery should be. Background colors and less-important imagery may flow into the bleed area.

If your work is selected to be made into a 2.5 x 3.5” trading card, it will be trimmed somewhere in the yellow bleed zone.

SUBMISSION DEADLINE: AUGUST 1
Submission Form Banned Books Week 2022
Please complete all fields legibly and submit one form for each piece of artwork.

Artist name

Age

Email address

Phone number

Mailing address

Book and/or author depicted

Artist Statement
Explain your intentions with the piece, how it reflects on the book or author. (50 words maximum)

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