

## Pine Creek High School Library Learning Commons Call for Entries: 2019 Banned Books Week Student Artist-Designed Trading Cards

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** Pine Creek High School Library Learning Commons seeks small scale (5" wide x 7" tall) original artworks on paper to be used for a series of trading cards inspired by banned or challenged books or authors. Prizes will be awarded.

**ELIGIBILITY:** Open to artists attending Pine Creek High School

**DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS:** **Thursday, September 19th**



**PROJECT OVERVIEW:** September 22 – September 29, 2019 is National Banned Books Week (BBW). According to the American Library Association, BBW highlights the benefits of free and open access to information while drawing attention to the dangers of censorship by spotlighting actual or attempted banning of books throughout the United States.

**WHAT TO SUBMIT/HOW TO PARTICIPATE:** In celebration of the freedom to read and Banned Books Week 2019, we are inviting students **to create small scale (5" wide x 7" tall) works of art inspired by a banned/challenged book or author.**

If student would like to depict an instance of censorship within a content area (history, science, etc.) rather than censorship of a specific book title, we would be open to receiving those submissions as well as long as the student can provide evidence of where/when this censorship occurred (i.e. name the article, book, website where they learned about this).

### BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

For information about Banned Books Week: [www.bannedbooksweek.org](http://www.bannedbooksweek.org).

For ideas and inspiration, explore these lists of banned books:



Banned Classics: <http://tinyurl.com/bannedchallengedclassics>



Banned Modern Works: <http://tinyurl.com/21stcenturychallenged>

These are not exhaustive lists of books and authors that have been banned, challenged, or censored. Please explore the Internet and other sources for information and inspiration.

### REQUIREMENTS FOR SUBMITTING WORK -- There are TWO parts:

#### 1) Part 1: The Art

All submissions must be in hard copy format on paper (Digital artwork is encouraged, but must be submitted on paper. Artists, please print in high quality). Original artwork will be returned to the artist at the conclusion of the project.

All submissions must measure 5 inches wide by 7 inches tall (**no horizontal artwork accepted**) and include a ¼ inch bleed on all sides (meaning important words and images should be ¼ inch inside of the edges of the

artwork; see diagrams and template below). Final printed cards will measure 2.5 wide by 3.5 inches tall, the standard size of a trading card.

- 2) **Part 2: The Artist's Statement** - A brief statement of 50-word-or-less on how the piece reflects the book and/or author.

#### AWARDS:

Based on their artistic excellence, up to seven of these works will be selected by a committee to be printed as trading cards, with the artwork on the front and the artist's statement and information about the highlighted book or author on the back. Winning artists will each receive a \$25 gift card along with selected art supplies. All entries will be displayed during BBW and beyond at the Library, and selected artist-designed cards will be printed and distributed to the public, with one given away each day of BBW at the Library.

#### OTHER NOTES:

This activity is a modified version of the one conducted at the Chapel Hill Library in North Carolina. Both the idea as well as the images on page two and three of this document have been used with permission from Susan Maguire, Readers' Services Coordinator at Chapel Hill Public Library. Be sure to check the Chapel Hill Library's website at the end of September/beginning of October to view their winning entries: <http://chapelhillpubliclibrary.org/>!

#### BLEED TEMPLATE

