

# REACH BOOK AUTHOR CONTEST Entry Form



**Book Title:** \_\_\_\_\_

**School Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Grade(s):** \_\_\_\_\_

**List name(s) of the author(s) or if applicable classroom teacher's name:**

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**List name(s) of illustrator(s):** or check if same as author(s) \_\_\_\_

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**Contact Information:** *Can be filled by a guardian or if applicable school's information*

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Email: \_\_\_\_\_

I agree to the contest guidelines. I attest that the work I have submitted is my original work and has not been copied in whole or in part from another author, song, or other writing including work posted on the internet or heard from any audio recording or listening device.

**Signature of Entrant(s):**

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Date Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

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Entries are due **Friday, April 7, 2023.**

Please mail or drop this form along with your book entry to:

Hartford Public Library  
Park Street Branch @ the Lyric  
**603 Park Street**  
**Hartford, CT 06106**

## **SINA REACH Book Author Contest Guidelines**

**Eligibility:** The REACH Book Contest is open to all students enrolled in grades K-5.

### **Layout:**

- The fiction piece must incorporate the theme of **Civic Engagement**.  
*Civic engagement is defined as working to make a difference in the civic life of one's community. Civic engagement can take many forms and encompasses a wide range of formal and informal activities, such as voting, volunteering, advocacy or activism, participating in group activities, and community gardening.*
- One book entry per team.  
Entries can be submitted by individuals, teams (up to 4 students), and classrooms. Classrooms can submit one book with the teacher's name and list the students' names of those who helped with the illustrations and storyline on a separate sheet.
- Stories may be written in English, Bilingual, and/or Spanish.
- Each submission must include one page of art for each page of text.
- Both text and art must be solely created by the students.  
Typed text is preferred, but not required.
- Each book must be between 10 and 20 pages with a maximum of 5 lines per page. The cover, dedication, about the author/illustrator, and back pages do not count toward this number. The back and dedication pages are optional.
- All pages must be numbered.
- Books will be printed at 8" x 10" or 8" x 8", artwork should reflect these sizes. Templates can be found on the SINA website at [www.sinainc.org/bookcontest](http://www.sinainc.org/bookcontest).
- An entry form must be submitted with each book entry. The entry form can be downloaded from the SINA website at [www.sinainc.org/bookcontest](http://www.sinainc.org/bookcontest).
- At the discretion of the SINA REACH Committee, all submissions may be published on the SINA's website.

**Submission Guidelines:** Entries must be mailed to or dropped off at the Hartford Public Library Park Library @ the Lyric by Friday, April 7, 2023. Submissions must include the entry form found on the SINA website at [www.sinainc.org/bookcontest](http://www.sinainc.org/bookcontest). Entries will not be returned.

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**Contest Dates:** The deadline for the SINA REACH book contest is April 7, 2023. Entries received after April 7, 2023, will not be considered. The contest opens on January 2, 2023.

**Selection:** Entries will be judged on originality and creativity. Judges will know the identities of the entries after the judging is completed and the winners are selected.

**Prizes:** Up to ten books will be selected and turned into a paperback copy displayed at the Hartford Public Library, Park Street Branch @the Lyric – “Local Author Shelf” In addition, a copy of the printed book will be given to the winner’s team to take home/ or display in the classroom. All winners will be honored in an awards ceremony.

**Decisions:** The panel of judges consists of members of the REACH Committee, Hartford Public Library staff, and invited judges. All decisions made by the judges are final.

**Notification:** Winners will be announced in late May or early June and will be notified by phone or email. Winners will be asked to complete a press release form by each student participant's legal guardian. Names of the winners will appear on the SINA website and in other publicity pieces, including, but not limited to electronic announcements, press releases, and news articles.

**Questions:** Feel free to contact Linda Torres at 860-493-1618 or Nancy Mendez at 860-695-7501 with any questions regarding the REACH Book Contest.