

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:

List name(s) of illustrator(s): or check if same as author(s) ____

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):

Date Signed: _____

Entries are due **Friday, March 1, 2024.**

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 Hartford students enrolled in grades K-5. The student may live in Hartford or attend a Hartford school.

Layout:

- The fiction piece must incorporate the theme of **Disability Awareness**.
Disability Awareness is the practice of educating people, acknowledging, and accepting individuals' experiences as they relate to disability. Not all disabilities are the same, and disability awareness recognizes this; celebrating difference and identifying the beauty within our uniqueness. Your book can feature hidden or visible disabilities.

A disability is a physical or mental problem that makes it difficult or impossible for a person to walk, see, hear, speak, learn, or do other important things. Some disabilities are permanent or last forever. Others are temporary or last for only a short time. A disability can be something a person was born with. Or it can be the result of an illness or an accident. Some individuals may have a disability that cannot be seen.

A physical disability is a problem with the body. Physical disabilities may affect the eyes, the ears, the muscles, or the interior organs, such as the heart or lungs. Some people with a physical disability may use a wheelchair to move around.

A mental disability is a problem with the brain or mind. Mental disabilities include developmental disabilities, mental illness, and learning disabilities, such as dyslexia. A person with a mental disability may have trouble learning or getting along with other people.

Some disabilities don't have physical signs so we cannot always tell if someone has one. Some hidden disabilities include autism, mental health, sensory processing, multiple sclerosis, epilepsy, partial sight and hearing loss.

- 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.

- 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.
- 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, March 1, 2024. Submissions must include the entry form found on the SINA website at www.sinainc.org/bookcontest. Entries will not be returned.

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Contest Dates: The deadline for the SINA REACH book contest is Friday, March 1, 2024. Entries received after March 1, 2024, will not be considered. The contest opens on September 18, 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 in May 2024.

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 April 2024 and will be notified by phone or email listed on the Entry Form. 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.