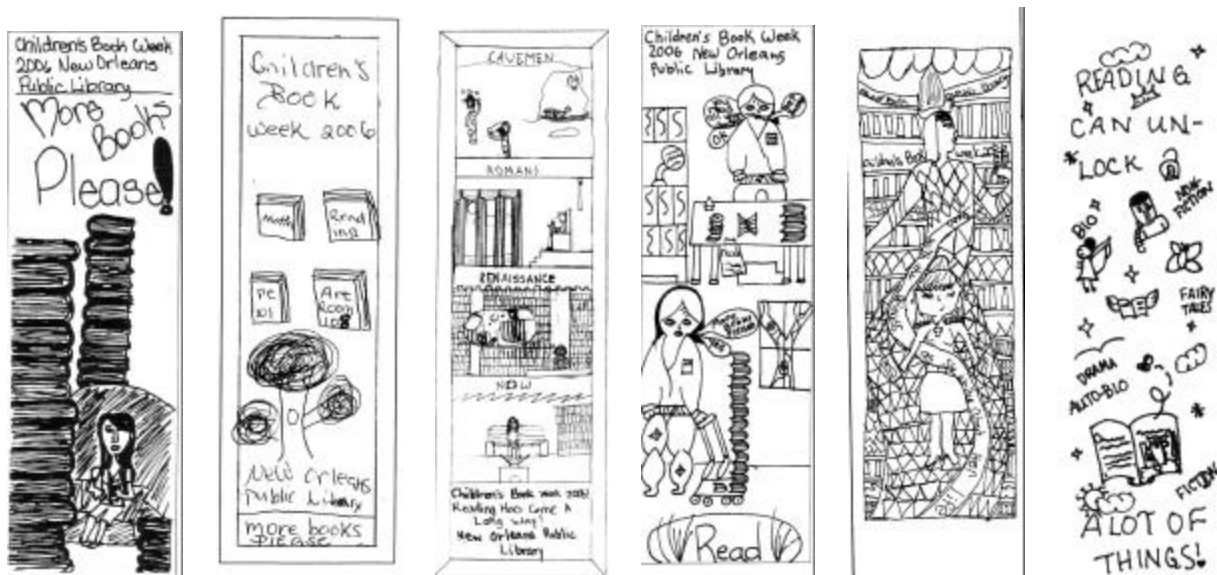


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Local Students are Children's Book Week Bookmark Contest Winners

New Orleans young people, representing eleven different local schools – ranging from Orleans Parish School Board Chartered, Recovery School District and RSD-chartered, parochial, and private - contributed their time and talents to the New Orleans Public Library's Bookmark Contest. The contest was one of the special activities that marked Children's Book Week, held at the NOPL this past November 11 – 18.

Contest winners have been announced and the top six winners ("win, place, and show" in two age categories) will see their bookmarks reproduced and distributed at New Orleans Public Library sites.

“It’s very exciting to reward kids for good behavior,” states Children’s Room Librarian Katherine “K.G.” Wilkins, “and to reward kids for being interested in books is one of the greatest things a librarian can do.” “It has certainly been fun to see the various bookmarks young people submitted. Given the distractions that face all of us, young people included, we were gratified to see the quality of the submissions. Some were straightforward, some whimsical; all were delightful,” Wilkins continued.

Prizes include congratulatory certificates, gift certificates from the Gulf South Booksellers Association, and special “Read” t-shirts. All entries will be displayed on the Library’s web-site, *nutrias.org*.

In the 12-18 year old category, First Place went to: **Tramy Nguyen** of **Eisenhower Elementary School**; Second Place to **Meijah Lieteau**, also of **Eisenhower School**; and Third Place to **Valyncia Robinson** of **Harriet Tubman Elementary School**. For those contestants in the “Under 12” category: First Place to **Chloe Riviere** of **Hynes Charter School**; Second Place to **Tayla Celestine**, also of **Hynes**; and Third Place to **Erica Jackson** of **Milestone/SABIS Academy**.

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