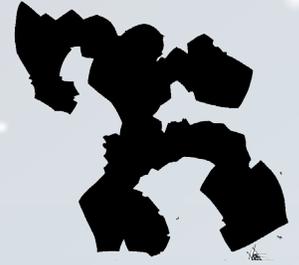


# ***2017 Comic Con Mascot***



## ***Contest Guidelines***



### **HOW TO ENTER**

- Contest open to all ages.
- Entrant must follow the instructions and create an original artwork. Digital paintings are ideal but you may also use traditional mediums such as watercolor, acrylic, pastel and oil painting. Traditional paintings have to be scanned afterwards and submitted following the specified file formats and settings.
- The completed entry may include Sketches, Concept, Line Art, Color Render and final Hero Design but must be submitted at the Contest Site as a single PNG or JPG file.
- The Entry:
  - must be at least 2000 pixels in the shortest length, minimum of 72 dpi, and file size no larger than 5MB. Upon request by Sponsor, Entrant must provide an image of at least 4000 pixels in the shortest length, minimum of 300 dpi, as well as the initial sketch before the final rendered piece;
  - must be the Entrant's original work made for the Contest and may not use stock materials and other proprietary images or textures.
  - may reference but not actually duplicate visual materials provided or referenced in the Art Sample
  - (Optional) Along with your submission, you can include a brief description of about 50 words explaining your Character's details and story, this will help us better understand your inspiration and Character's back story.
- The Work must be in keeping with the image of the Clearwater Public Library System
  - may not be inappropriate, offensive, libelous or defamatory, pornographic, sexually explicit, unlawful or plagiarized, as determined by Sponsor in their sole discretion;
  - must not be harassing, abusive, threatening, harmful, vulgar, profane, obscene, excessively violent, racially, ethnically or otherwise objectionable or offensive in any way, as determined by Sponsor in their sole discretion; may not violate or encourage others to violate any applicable law, statute, ordinance or regulation;
  - may not defame or invade publicity rights or privacy of any person, living or deceased, or otherwise infringe upon any person's personal or property rights or any other third party rights, or involve physical harm to any person or animal;
  - may not contain verbal or visual mentions of commercial/corporate advertising, including but not limited to corporate logos, brand names, and slogans, other than as contained in the art sample provided to Entrants at the Contest Site;
  - may not include any viruses, worms, corrupt files, Trojan horses, or other forms of corruptive code or content that may harm or compromise the Contest Site and/or the proper conduct of the Contest;
  - may not use any watermarks but may contain a signature by the artist provided that the signature is capable of removal at the request of Sponsor if the entry is adapted for use by the Sponsor as a winning entry in accordance with these Rules; and
  - if found to be in violation of these Rules will be disqualified and therefore removed from the Contest Site Gallery.
- Only online entries will be accepted. No hard copies of the entry will be accepted for judging.
- ENTRIES MUST BE RECEIVED BY 11:59:59 PM EST on Dec.1, 2016. No illegible, incomplete, forged or altered entries will be accepted. Works will not be returned.
- Entrants may enter as many Works as they like however duplicate entries are not allowed.

# ***Contest Guidelines, Cont.***

## **SELECTION OF WINNERS**

Eligible and qualified entries will be open to public voting from Dec. 3, 2016 to Jan. 1, 2017. The Work will be graded using a point system where 80% of the points be graded by a panel of Sponsor's full-time librarians, while the remaining 20% be voted on by public audiences based on Facebook "Likes" on their work. The sponsor's panel will grade the Work on the basis of (i) Technical Skill, (ii) Originality, (iii) Composition, (iv) Overall Impact of the Work, and (v) Brief description of the entry, all in whatever degree the judges believe to be appropriate in reaching a decision. Only one entry per Entrant may be chosen.

## **PRIZES**

There will be one 1st Place Prize, one 2nd Place Prize, one 3rd Place Prize

### **1st Place Winner**

- Artwork will be used as the 2017 Clearwater Comic Con Mascot
- Artwork featured in the contest gallery
- Gift Prize TBD

### **2nd Place Winner**

- Gift Prize TBD
- Artwork featured in the contest gallery

### **3rd Place Winner**

- Gift Prize TBD
- Artwork featured in the contest gallery

## **ALL ENTRANTS WITH QUALIFYING ARTWORK:**

Once the winners have been determined, Sponsor will contact the winning entrants for verification purposes and to discuss prize delivery.

Winners will be announced using Facebook after Jan. 1, 2017. <https://www.facebook.com/clearwaterlib/?fref=ts>.

## **Submitting Entries:**

Email submissions to [Kayla.Grant@myclearwater.com](mailto:Kayla.Grant@myclearwater.com)  
Required Subject Heading: 2017 Comic Mascot Contest  
Attachment 1: Entry Form  
Attachment 2: Art Work

