

Request/proposal:

\$400 additional annual funding from SAC to SPL

Purpose:

Support the annual bookmark contest which typically receives between 800 and 1500 and up to 2000 entries

Background:

Over the past eight years, the maintenance cost of this program has increased while our (the Library's) funding for programs and events has dramatically decreased. For the past two years, it has been difficult to secure the necessary funding for the program. With a secured budget of \$800 (half from SPL, half from SAC), we can plan for at least the next five years of the program with confidence.

Logistics:

- Rename the contest and all associated communications "Springfield Public Library and Springfield Arts Commission Bookmark Contest"
- Include SAC logo on bookmarks and all associated communications
- Standing Youth Art Gallery show each February
 - Support SPL staff in hanging, taking down art shows
 - Provide SPL with size specifications for winning design prints (ideals and acceptables)
- SPL manages all communication, organization, planning, etc.
- SPL manages annual presentation to City Council, printing of the winning designs with Springfield Print Services, dissemination of winners' materials, etc.
- SPL makes voting on winners available to SAC board members
 - The voting all happens in-person and very quickly, so SPL would do its best to give SAC board members advanced notice of when the voting would happen