



Olathe Public Library's 11th Annual **LEGO® Design Contest**

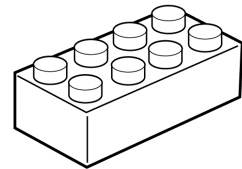
Saturday, June 28, 2025

Olathe Indian Creek Library
16100 W 135th St., Olathe, KS 66062

Rules & FAQs

Who may participate?

- Children going into 1st through 5th grade
- Teens going into 6th through 12th grade
- Adults



Children's Category (grades 1st - 5th)

- Divided into two age groups for judging: 1st - 2nd grade and 3rd - 5th grade

Teen Category (6th - 12th grade)

- Divided into two age groups for judging: 6th - 8th grade and 9th - 12th grade

Adult Category

- One age group

How do I enter the contest?

First, you MUST register for the contest, starting **Friday, June 6, 2025**. *Space is limited.*

You may register online at www.olathelibrary.org/events or call the library at 913-971-6850 or register in person at either Olathe library.

When you drop off your creation on the contest day, you will be given an Entry Form to complete. *If you did not register for the program ahead of time, you will not be allowed to enter the contest.*

This will be a popular program, so if you register for this event but later determine that you will not be able to attend, please cancel your registration as soon as possible.

What kind of creation should I make? Is there a theme?

Make whatever you want, as long as it is **no larger than 15 inches in length, width, or height** and is **your own creation**, NOT a kit, a set, or a design someone else made. Your creation will be measured when you arrive at the contest. There is no theme for the contest.

What materials may I use?

Use **LEGO®-brand bricks and pieces** (or compatible ones such as Mega Bloks). Specialized pieces from themed sets (LEGO® City, Star Wars, Creator, etc.) are allowed, but our judges also appreciate “basic” bricks used creatively!

You may use Technic, Hero Factory, and similar pieces, but we suggest using them sparingly. Please do NOT use Mindstorms/robotics motors or lights, or similar pieces; this is *not* a robotics competition.

We recommend (but do not require) using some kind of **base plate** under your creation to make it easier to transport. It can be a LEGO® base plate, a piece of cardboard, or something similar, as long as it is no larger than 15” in any direction.

Remember, you cannot simply build a design that came with a set—you must use the bricks in a new way in your own design. We can’t stress this enough!

May my parents, siblings or friends help me make my creation?

No, you must do the designing and building yourself. (But those helpful folks can help you transport your finished creation to the contest area since library staff cannot help you with that.)

May I build my creation at the contest?

No, your creation must be completely assembled when you arrive at the contest, or be in just a few large pieces that you can quickly put together.

Who are the judges?

The judging panel consists of members of the KC Brick Lab LEGO® User Group.

What are the prizes?

Each of the five age groups will have a 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winner. In addition, members of the public who view the creations on contest day will have a chance to vote for Best of Show in the Children's, Teen, and Adult categories.

Prizes are as follows:

- 1st place - \$25 Amazon gift card
- 2nd place - \$15 Amazon gift card
- 3rd place - \$10 Amazon gift card

Best of Show – award

All entrants will receive a Certificate of Participation.

Do I have to be present at the Awards Ceremony to win a prize?

No. However, you *MUST* pick up your creation by 4:45 PM.

Questions?

Please double-check this paper to see if it answers your questions. If not, please contact Jennifer Adamson at jadamson@olathelibrary.org.

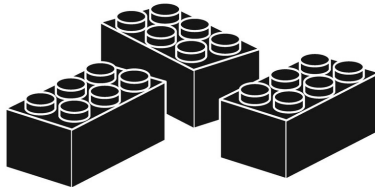


Keys to success:

Be creative and original! Do your own work!
Stay within the size limits! Have fun!

Contest day schedule

10:00 AM to 12:00 PM	Contestants drop off creations and fill out entry forms .
12:00 to 2:00 PM	Judging – Contest areas will be closed to contestants and to the public. Participants and their families may hang out in the library or leave the building during this time and return later.
2:00 PM to 3:15 PM	Public Viewing and voting for Best of Show – Contestants are welcome at the Public Viewing but are not required to be there.
3:30 PM	Awards Ceremony – Contestants need not be present at the Awards Ceremony to win, <u>but</u> <i>all creations</i> must be taken home after the ceremony.
4:45 PM	Deadline for picking up all creations. Please be on time!



Thank You

to **KC Brick Lab** LEGO User Group (kcbricklab.org) for providing our judges

Disclaimers:

- LEGO® is a trademark of the LEGO® Group which does not sponsor, authorize or endorse this contest.
 - Rules and prizes are subject to change without advance notification.
 - Judges' decisions are final.
 - While every effort will be made to safeguard contest entries, Olathe Public Library cannot be held responsible for damage to or theft of items entered in this contest.
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