Original Character (OC) Art Competition 2024 – Wollongong City Libraries

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Eligibility

1. To enter the Original Character Art Competition ('OC Art Competition'), you must:
   a. be between 12 and 24 years of age;
   b. live in one of the following Local Government areas: Wollongong, Shellharbour, Kiama or Shoalhaven.
2. You can only submit **one** (1) entry.

Originality

3. Your original character ('OC') must be your own work. This also includes characters inspired by fandom.
4. Neither artificial intelligence generated art (AI Art) nor machine generated art will be accepted. (We want to celebrate your own work and style - no matter what level of experience you have!)

Design Parameters

5. All art styles are welcomed and encouraged, whether realistic, surreal or cartoonish.
6. Your illustration should be a full body portrait of your character on a white or transparent background – take a look at the 'Example of Submitted Illustration' below.
7. All illustrations ill be cropped to fit within a square template. We recommend designing your OC with that in mind.
8. Include your signature on or near your OC so it will remain within the crop zone.

Size and Format

9. No matter how you design your OC – whether you use traditional art mediums (such as pencils, paints markers, etc.) or technology – you will need to submit your entry online via the Wollongong City Libraries website.
10. For traditional art mediums, we recommend that you scan your work for submission. If you do not have access to a scanner at home, we provide free access to scanners at each of our seven library locations.
11. You will need to attach your artwork to the online entry form on the Wollongong City Libraries website. Your artwork will need to be either a:
    a. high resolution scan; or
    b. digital file (optimal sizing is 3500 x 3500 pixels) in jpeg or png format.

Submission

12. Your artwork must be submitted via the online entry form between Monday 11 March and 5pm Friday 19 April (accessed from www.wollongong.nsw.gov.au/library/whats-on/comic-gong).
13. The entry form will require the following details about you:
    a. your name;
    b. your age;
    c. your skill level (beginner, amateur, hobbyist, professional);
    d. your address (to confirm your eligibility);
    e. contact details for you or your guardian; and
    f. guardian details and consent (if you are under 16 years of age).
14. The entry form will require the following details about your OC
    a. character name and pronouns; and
    b. character description which could include elements related to their backstory or your inspiration behind the character (270 character limit).

Example of Submitted Illustration