



Olathe Public Library's 5th Annual
LEGO® DESIGN CONTEST
Saturday, April 11, 2015
Indian Creek Community Church
12480 S. Black Bob Rd., Olathe, KS

RULES & FAQs

WHO MAY PARTICIPATE?

Individual children and young adults, in kindergarten through 12th grade. There will also be a category this year for adults.

Children's Category (grades K-5th):

- Divided into two age groups for judging: K-2nd grade, and 3rd-5th grade
- Limited to 40 total participants, regardless of their ages

Young Adult Category (6th-12th grade):

- Divided into two age groups for judging: 6th-8th grade, and 9th-12th grade
- Limited to 25 total participants, regardless of their ages

Adult Category (beyond 12th grade):

- One age group for judging
- Limited to 15 total participants

HOW DO I ENTER THE CONTEST?

First, you MUST register for the contest, starting Monday, March 30, 2015. **Space is limited.** To register, call the library at 913-971-6874, visit either Olathe Public Library in person, or register online at www.olathelibrary.org/events.

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.*

This is a very popular program, so if you register for this event but later determine that you will not be able to attend, please call the library at 913-971-6874 to let us know as soon as possible so that we can allow someone from the Waiting List to take your spot.

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.

KEYS TO SUCCESS:



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

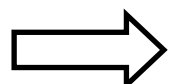
WHAT MATERIALS MAY I USE?

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 **baseplate** under your creation to make it easier to transport. It can be a LEGO®-brand baseplate, a piece of cardboard, or something similar, as long as it is no larger than 15" in any direction.

Remember that 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 bring 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 four age groups, plus the Adult group, will have a 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winner, and may also have Honorable Mention winners at the discretion of the judges. 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, the Young Adult, and the Adult categories.

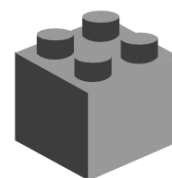
Prizes are as follows:

- 1st place - \$25 Barnes & Noble gift card plus ribbon
- 2nd place - \$15 Barnes & Noble gift card plus ribbon
- 3rd place - \$10 Barnes & Noble gift card plus ribbon

Honorable Mention – ribbon

Best of Show – ribbon

All entrants will receive a Certificate of Participation.



DO I HAVE TO BE PRESENT AT THE AWARDS CEREMONY TO WIN A PRIZE?

No. You **MUST**, however, pick up your creation by 5:00 PM.

CONTEST DAY SCHEDULE

11:00 AM to 12:30 PM	Entrants drop off creations and fill out entry forms .
12:30 to 2:30 PM	Judging – Contest area will be closed to entrants and to the public; we recommend that participants and their families leave the building during this time and return later.
2:30 PM to 3:45 PM	Public Viewing and voting for Best of Show - Entrants are welcome at the Public Viewing but are not required to be there.
4:00 PM	Awards Ceremony - Entrants need not be present at the Awards Ceremony to win, <u>but</u> all creations must be taken home after the ceremony.
5:00 PM	Deadline for picking up all creations.

QUESTIONS?

Please double-check this paper to see if it answers your questions. If not, please contact the Children's Department at 913-971-6874.

THANK YOU...

...to **Indian Creek Community Church** (www.indiancreek.org) for use of their facility again this year, and **KC Brick Lab** LEGO User Group (kcbricklab.org) for providing judges!

Disclaimers:

- LEGO® is a trademark of the LEGO Group of companies which does not sponsor, authorize or endorse this contest. Barnes & Noble does not sponsor 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 and Indian Creek Community Church cannot be held responsible for damage to or theft of items entered in this contest.