

ENTER TODAY!

The contest is open to all student, amateur, or professional artists. We welcome submissions from artists of all levels. Local and area residents are welcome to participate!

THEME:

This year's GAD will be celebrating the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence so think all things AMERICAN! Stars, stripes, fireworks, freedom and history.

Ribbons and cash prizes will be awarded to 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place in each division.

Join us for an opening reception on Thursday, October 1, 5:30 - 7 p.m.

Remarks at 6 p.m.

\$10

PER ENTRY

Please drop payment at:

- Andover Public Library
- It is \$10 per piece
- Cash or check accepted
- Check to be made out to "City of Andover"

THEME:

"We the People of Andover"

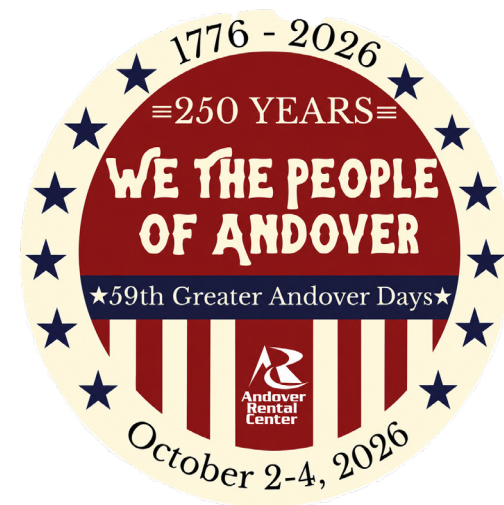
Submission: August 1 - September 16, 2026

Exhibition: October 1 - 21, 2026
Art pick up: October 22 - 31, 2026

Art will be on display at the Andover Public Library during Greater Andover Days.

Questions?

Please email Andover Public Library at ericakim@andoverlibrary.org or call 316.558.3500.



Art Contest

**Andover Public Library
Gallery Space**

**1511 E Central Ave,
Andover, KS 67002**



COMPETITION RULES & JUDGING

1. All artwork must be ready to hang (e.g., matted, framed, or mounted). Landscape or portrait format.
2. Work will be judged on originality, technical skill, use of color, materials, composition, emotional impact and engagement.
3. Please submit art to Andover Public Library by Wednesday, September 16, 2026 (Limit of 5 entries per applicant)
4. Entries will be displayed October 1-21 and must be picked up October 22-31. Unclaimed artwork will be discarded afterward.
5. Greater Andover Days and Andover Public Library are not responsible for late, lost, damaged, destroyed or misdirected entries or for miscommunications, misdirected transmissions or other errors of any kind whether human or electronic in the competition entry process.
6. Artwork may be rejected if any of the following:
 - o Copyright Infringement: Artwork will be rejected if it infringes on the intellectual property rights of others.
 - o Offensive Content: We cannot accept artwork that could be considered offensive, discriminatory, or that promotes hate speech.
 - o Safety Concerns: Any piece posing a safety hazard to viewers or staff will be disqualified. If such a situation arises, a gallery manager will contact you to arrange for the early pickup of your artwork.
7. AI-generated artwork is not allowed.

CATEGORIES & AGE DIVISIONS

Young Creatives (5-17)

Cash prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place
All art combined painting, drawing, digital art (no AI), photography, fiber arts, and collage

Adult Visionaries (18 & up)

Cash prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place
All art combined painting, drawing, digital art (no AI), photography, fiber arts, and collage

Cash Prizes:

ADULT VISIONARIES:

- 1st place: \$150
- 2nd place: \$100
- 3rd place: \$50

YOUNG CREATIVES:

- 1st place: \$150
- 2nd place: \$100
- 3rd place: \$50

CREATIVE SPARK (AGES 5-10)

- One (1) \$25 gift card

JURORS

- Erica Kim
- Jamie Clark
- Sarah Chavez

FILL OUT AND RETURN TO ANDOVER PUBLIC LIBRARY

Please fill out the following information and return with each of your pieces:

Name: _____

Email: _____

Cell: _____

☐ Adult (18 & up)

☐ Youth (11-17)

☐ Children (5-10)

School/Organization: _____

Title: _____

Medium: _____

Size (WXH in.): _____

Art Description: _____

Do you wish to sell your piece?

☐ Yes - Price: \$_____ ☐ No

Hanging instructions: _____

Have you paid the \$10 entry fee?

☐ Yes ☐ No