



# Literary Costume Contest FOR TEENS

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## FOR GRADES 6-12

Create a costume based on a character from your favorite book, and you can enter to win a prize in one of five different costume categories! This contest is open to teens in grades 6-12.

A \$20 Starbucks gift card will be awarded to the winner of each of these five categories:

- Most Creative
- Silliest
- Most Realistic
- Scariest
- Most Obscure

Contest entries will be accepted October 1–November 1. A link for public voting will be available on the library's website and social media from November 3-8. Winners will be announced on the library's social media platforms on November 9.

All submissions will be displayed to the public during the voting period and in an online gallery on the Teens page of the library's website after the contest ends. Select photos may be used on the library's social media.

### How to Enter

Take a photo of yourself wearing your costume. Attach that photo to an email with the subject line "Literary Costume Contest" and send it to [youngadult@carmel.lib.in.us](mailto:youngadult@carmel.lib.in.us) with the following information:

- your first, last name, and the grade you're in
- the name of the character you are dressing up as
- the name of the book that character is from

**Entries must be received between Oct 1 and Nov 1.**

### Rules for Entry

- Each entry must be created and submitted by a teen in grade 6-12.
- One entry will be accepted per person. If you send us more than one submission, only your first submission will be accepted.
- Costumes must be library appropriate.
- Costumes must be of literary characters (characters from books).
- The costume you enter must be created by you and worn by you in your entry photo. Your costume and photo must be original; copyrighted/stolen images or costumes will not be accepted for consideration.
- Your entry photo must be current and taken specifically for this contest.
- Submissions must be received between Oct 1 and Nov 22. Early or late submissions will not be accepted.
- Group costumes will be accepted. However, a group costume only counts as one submission, and there will only be one prize to share between all members of the group if that group is one of the winners. If more than one member of a group submits the same group costume, only the first submission will be accepted. The teen who submits the photo will be the one notified and responsible for picking up the prize if the group wins.
- An entry can only win a prize in one category. There will be five different winners.
- Entries will be publicly displayed on the library's website and may be displayed on the library's social media platforms. By submitting a photo to the contest, you are agreeing that your photo and name may be publicly displayed.
- All criteria must be met in order to be entered into the contest.

Questions? Contact us at [youngadult@carmel.lib.in.us](mailto:youngadult@carmel.lib.in.us).