

# 365 for Kids 2026 Programs

## Ready-to-Share Information for Libraries and Community Partners

The following descriptions may be copied and shared in library newsletters, digital program calendars, websites, social media, community announcements, and communications with families.

### About the 2026 Programs

365 for Kids invites children and teens ages 6–17 residing throughout the United States to participate in three free annual initiatives that connect reading, creativity, reflection, and virtues.

Through visual art, recorded reading, and original writing, children are encouraged to explore meaningful stories, express their ideas, strengthen their confidence, and reflect on values such as kindness, courage, empathy, honesty, gratitude, responsibility, and perseverance.

The initiatives are designed to support literacy, imagination, creative expression, character education, and meaningful connections among children, families, libraries, schools, and communities across the country.

Participation is free. Submissions are now open.

Each initiative will accept the first 500 complete submissions that meet all published requirements, in the order in which they are received.

**Submission deadline: November 1, 2026, or earlier if capacity is reached**

Learn more about all three initiatives:

<https://365forkids.com/en/program-2026/>

The three initiatives invite children to participate in different ways: by creating original visual art, reading and recording a meaningful literary passage, or writing an original reflection inspired by a virtue.

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## Annual Children's Stories & Art Exhibition

### 2026 Theme: "If Stories Could Come Alive"

Children and teens ages 6–17 residing throughout the United States are invited to create one original handmade artwork inspired by a book, fairy tale, myth, legend, folktale, family story, or audio story.

The exhibition encourages young people to read or listen to stories, use their imagination, and transform a meaningful story into visual art.

The first 500 complete submissions that meet all published eligibility, originality, content, consent, copyright, safety, and technical requirements will be accepted, in the order in which they are received.

Every accepted artwork will be displayed in the virtual exhibition and included in the official printed exhibition catalog.

This is a non-competitive exhibition. There are no winners, rankings, prizes, or competitive awards. Participation is free, and every accepted participant will receive a digital Certificate of Participation.

Learn more and submit artwork:

<https://365forkids.com/en/stories-art-exhibition/>

The exhibition is open to three age groups—6–9, 10–13, and 14–17. Each child may submit one original handmade artwork.

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## Voices from the Heart

### 2026 Edition: “A Page That Touched Me”

Voices from the Heart invites children and teens ages 6–17 residing throughout the United States to choose a short excerpt from a book on the project’s curated classic reading list, read it aloud, and share a brief personal reflection about why the passage touched them or what meaningful idea or virtue they discovered in it.

The initiative encourages reading, thoughtful reflection, confident expression, and a deeper connection between literature and life.

The first 500 complete submissions that meet all published eligibility, recording, content, consent, copyright, privacy, safety, and technical requirements will be accepted, in the order in which they are received.

Every accepted recording will become part of the free Voices from the Heart online audio collection on 365forKids.com.

This is not a contest. There are no winners, rankings, judges, or competitive awards. Participation is free, and every accepted participant will receive a digital Certificate of Participation.

Learn more, view the reading list, and submit a recording:

<https://365forkids.com/en/voices-from-the-heart/>

The initiative uses a curated list of public-domain classics. Each child may submit one 3–5 minute recording in English that includes both a literary excerpt and a personal reflection.

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## Pages of Virtue

### A Children's Collection of Written Reflections on the Good We Notice, Remember, and Choose

Pages of Virtue invites children and teens ages 6–17 residing throughout the United States to submit one short original reflection, story, poem, letter, essay, or personal memory inspired by a virtue they have noticed, experienced, practiced, or admired.

Children may write about kindness, courage, honesty, gratitude, friendship, compassion, responsibility, hope, perseverance, respect, forgiveness, or another value that is meaningful to them.

The initiative encourages literacy, creative writing, reflection, character education, and meaningful conversations about the good children notice in everyday life.

The first 500 complete submissions that meet all published eligibility, originality, content, consent, copyright, privacy, safety, and technical requirements will be accepted, in the order in which they are received.

Every accepted writing will be published in the annual **Pages of Virtue 2026 catalog**.

This is a non-competitive publication initiative, not a contest. Participation is free, and every accepted participant will receive a digital Certificate of Participation.

Learn more and submit a written piece:

<https://365forkids.com/en/pages-of-virtue/>

The recommended length is up to 300 words. Younger children may submit shorter reflections, and children ages 6–8 may dictate their words to an adult.

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**Additional ready-to-share messages about family library access, Activity Guides, and Community Showcases are available in the separate 365 for Kids Family Resources & Community Sharing document.**

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