

Orange Shirt Day artist call

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The North Vancouver City Library is inviting young artists to submit work in commemoration of Orange Shirt Day

North Vancouver City Library is inviting young artists to submit work in commemoration of Orange Shirt Day and the assertion that every child matters. Orange Shirt Day recognizes survivors of residential schools in Canada. Held annually in September, it is a movement that encourages conversation and learning about the history of residential schools and survivors. [Read more about Orange Shirt Day.](#)

The goal of this call is to raise awareness and create meaningful discussion about the effects of Residential Schools and the legacy they have left behind through the lens of our community's youth. The winning artwork should advance the mission of Orange Shirt Day and reconciliation, and reflect the artist's personal understanding and relationship to the concept "Every Child Matters."

Selected artwork will be screen printed on orange T-shirts and worn by staff at North Vancouver City Library annually on Orange Shirt Day (this year on Sept. 30, 2020). The artwork will also be displayed in the City Library lobby for public view Sept. 20 – Oct. 3, 2020.

Eligibility

- Artists must be 13-24 years old
- All submissions must be two-dimensional
- Artwork must be able to be reproduced digitally
- Artwork must be original and not used for a previous call, placed in a gallery, sold or any other existing use

- Artwork must be created in one colour
- Submission requirements
- Artwork sketch
- Artist name
- Artist phone number & email address
- Brief statement about yourself and the piece you created

Guidelines

- Submit graphic linework work only (sketches are fine)
- Do not include any words or quotes

Deadline

Submit artwork electronically to asaxton@cnv.org or drop it off at City Library, 120 14th St. West, North Vancouver, ATTN: Abigail Saxton. All entries are due Friday, Aug. 28 at 5 p.m.

Judging criteria

Judges will assess submissions based on the following criteria:

- Artistic merit, creativity and quality of proposed artwork
- Express connection between the design and Reconciliation and specific themes of Orange Shirt Day
- Artist's connection to the North Shore and Indigenous communities (artists can indicate their connection to the community in their statement)

Selection process

The winning artwork will be selected by a committee of City Library staff and Trustees. Consideration will be given to work that commemorates [Orange Shirt Day](#).

Schedule

Sept. 4 — Winning artist contacted (via phone or email)

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Sept. 11 — Winning artwork finalized

Sept. 20 – Oct. 3 — Winning artwork displayed in City Library lobby

Sept. 30 — City Library staff commemorate Orange Shirt Day

Recognition

The winning artist will receive \$500 and have their work screen printed on an orange T-shirt. The artist will also receive two shirts with their artwork. Shirts will be worn by City Library staff annually to commemorate Orange Shirt Day. Artwork will also be framed and displayed in the library lobby Sept. 20 – Oct. 3, 2020.

Any questions or comments about this call should be directed to Abigail Saxton at asaxton@cnv.org.