

Graphic Novel Making Guidelines:

- Create your own comic book.
- All submissions must be received by March 7th.
- Winners will be announced April 9th.
- All submissions must be original art work and ideas of the author or authors.
- Work can be completed in any format or media but must be scanned and submitted digitally.
- Entries are allowed to have more than one author/illustrator if participants would prefer to co-write and illustrate as a team or pair.
- Each submission can be no longer than 8 pages (front and back).
- All graphic novels must be submitted with the artists name and age.
- Submissions should be standard letter size 8.5"x 11"
- Submissions will be judged based on a rubric based on the following criteria: Workmanship, Technique, Page layout, Creativity, Expressiveness, Originality, Clarity and Plot, Setting and Characters, Grammar and Dialogue, Use of Text. Please see attached rubric for details. Please see the grading rubric for specifics .

Age Groups and Prizes

- **Middle School : 1st prize winner will receive a \$100 gift card to Jabberwocky or local art supply store. 2nd prize winner will receive Life Is Good Merch**
- **High School: 1st prize winner will receive a \$100 gift card to Jabberwocky or local art supply store. 2nd prize winner will receive Life Is Good Merch**

How to Submit your Graphic Novel

All submissions must be scanned and emailed to lgordon@cityofnewburyport.com . If you do not have a scanner, please reach out to coordinate another option. Submissions should be formatted as a PDF and titled by the title of the novel, and the author.