



## **Vinton's Big Read Community Art Contest Rules**

Enter your artwork related to themes of the *Vinton's Big Read* book, 'Bewilderment,' by Richard Powers. For more information on Vinton's Big Read, visit [www.vinton.lib.ia.us](http://www.vinton.lib.ia.us).

- The contest runs October 1, 2025, through December 1, 2025.
- Artists aged 14 and older are eligible to enter.
- Artwork must be 2-dimensional – for example, painting, drawing, photography, mixed media, etc.
- Submissions must be no larger than 3 ft x 3 ft in size.
- Artwork must be related to themes in 'Bewilderment' by Richard Powers
- Artwork will be displayed on easels, so framing is strongly recommended. (Canvas wrapped art doesn't require a frame.)
- All entries will be on display at the Vinton Public Library from January 7, 2026, through January 17, 2026.
- Artwork will be judged on: ***Originality, Technical Skill, and Impact/Engagement***. Community members will also be invited to stop in and vote for their favorite!
- Cash Prizes will be awarded as follows:
  - 1<sup>st</sup> place: \$200
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> place: \$100
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> place: \$50
  - Popular vote: \$100
- All winners will also receive a gift basket from the Vinton Guild of Fine Arts. Winning entries will be displayed at a local business downtown in late January and featured in the newspaper.
- Multiple submissions are allowed, although an individual artist may only win once.
- East contest entry must have its own entry form.
- **Submission Instructions: Print your name on the back of the artwork. Turn artwork in at the Vinton Public Library (510 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, Vinton, Iowa) along with your completed entry form. Artwork will not be accepted without a form.**
- Offensive and/or explicit entries will be declined, as determined by the Vinton Guild of Fine Arts committee.
- VPL and VGFA are not responsible for any loss or damage to artwork.
- For questions, contact Anita at [vintonartguild@gmail.com](mailto:vintonartguild@gmail.com).
- **Dates to Remember:**
  - 10/1/25: Contest Opens
  - 12/1/25: Contest Closes
  - 1/7/26 – 1/17/26: All entries on Exhibit at the Vinton Public Library
  - 1/15/26: All artists will be notified of winning entries
  - 1/17/26, 11am: Prizes awarded at Vinton Public Library
  - 1/20/26 – 1/30/26: Winning entries displayed downtown Vinton
- ***Vinton's Big Read* is supported in part by the National Endowment for the Arts, Arts Midwest, The Charles and Helen Yundt Charitable Foundation, and the Friends of the Vinton Public Library in memory of George and Pauline Grovert.**

# **Vinton's Big Read Community Art Contest Entry Form**

**Contest open to artists aged 14 and up**

**All fields required**

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_

Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Title of Artwork: \_\_\_\_\_

Medium:    ☐ Acrylic            ☐ Oil            ☐ Graphite        ☐ Colored Pencil

☐ Pastel            ☐ Watercolor        ☐ Photography

☐ Mixed Media: (\_\_\_\_\_)    ☐ Other: (\_\_\_\_\_)

In what ways is this artwork related to the themes found in the book 'Bewilderment' by Richard Powers?:

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