

The Peacock To The Rescue Art Competition 2024 details:

The theme of the competition is "The Peacock to the Rescue!" inspired by the incredible true story of an extraordinary event when the exotic and rare Hoopoe bird, typically found in southern England, was unexpectedly blown by a strong tail-wind that carried it far north, all the way to London. This remarkable bird was spotted by bird watchers in North London on 17th April 2018, leaving everyone amazed.

We would like to think that the Hoopoe bird could have accidentally found its way to the London Zoo, where it was rescued by our infamous Peacock and the star-librarian, Lucy. We invite participants to let their creativity take flight as they illustrate and depict this unique and captivating incident.

We are excited to see the imaginative works of art that this extraordinary story will inspire!

See attachments to read or watch the story!

After reading/watching the story, we invite you to design your own Hoopoe rescue! Children can draw a picture of a Hoopoe bird, Itty-bitty Hippo, Zig-Zag Zebra, or the Bookmobile. You can find images of these characters on our website for inspiration. Let your creativity soar!

Some prompts for your artwork:

1. Who is eligible to submit artwork?
 - Nurseries and primary school children in the borough of Camden.

2. Artwork should be submitted to the library by 20th - 22nd May in both digital image format and hard copies. Scanned images should be emailed to belsizecommunitylibrary@gmail.com . Please arrange for the collection of the physical artwork before the end date. Kindly email us with the date when the artworks are ready for collection, ensuring that the subject of the email is "The Peacock To The Rescue Art Competition 2024."

Content that needs to be included in the artwork:

- Your own interpretation of the story characters: a Hoopoe bird, Itty-bitty Hippo, Zig-Zag Zebra, or the Bookmobile
- Name of our Library: Belsize Community Library (Please help your student write this if need be)
- On the back of the artwork: name of school/nursery, name of participant, age, date

2. What we are looking for:

- Artwork must be the original work of the student. Submitted work may not be copied from another piece of art
- All entries must be FLAT. No 3-D pieces accepted
- Entries must be A4 210 x 297 mm
- Entries larger than A4 210 x 297 mm will not be considered for judging
- Number of submissions – one per artist
- The participants or participants' parents will be required to grant the library full rights to use the artwork for library promotional materials. This must be done before 20th May 2024. It is important to note that no names of the participants will be included in the promotional materials

3. Time line:

Children will have 8 weeks to enter projects into the contest. The contest starts on 25th March and ends 20th May 2024. Artwork submissions are due by 20th – 22nd May 2024. The winners will be announced at the celebratory ball on the 26th June 2024 4:30 pm – 6 pm

4. The Prizes:

- Belsize Community Library will exhibit all submitted artwork and give the participants the opportunity to visit the library and admire their creations over the summer!
- The library will host a ball for a chance to celebrate all participants achievements with special guests and activities such as designing your own badge and bookmarks
- £20 Book vouchers for the 5 chosen finalists