

# TRASHEDart 2024

a contest for the creative transformation of trash

Attach a copy of this entry form on the back of artwork and deliver to:

A Mercer County Library System Branch:  
Lawrence, Ewing, Hickory Corner,  
Hightstown, Hollowbrook, Hopewell,  
Robbinsville, Twin Rivers or West Windsor

The Mercer County Library System is hosting their **15th Annual TrashedArt Contest**.

**Remake, Reuse** and **Renew** the items you would recycle or throw in the trash into something unique and beautiful and rethink the usefulness of garbage.

## CONTEST GUIDELINES:

Adults and teens (ages 14 and up) who live, work or go to school in Mercer County are eligible to participate. The contest is limited to one entry per artist.

Entries must be original artwork and no larger than 2.5' x 2.5' x 2.5' and no heavier than 10 lbs. **Entries must use a minimum of 75% recycled content** – metals, paper, rubber, glass (please, no sharp shards), plastic, cloth. A recycled item is one that has been manufactured and would be otherwise thrown away. Non-recyclable materials such as glue, paint, tape, etc. are permitted. For the purposes of this contest, natural materials such as rocks, dirt, bones, and sticks are not considered recycled. Entries will be judged on creativity, originality and artistic merit. Artwork will be anonymously judged by local artists and representatives of the Mercer County Library System to determine grand prize winners in first, second and third place. Patrons can vote for the “People’s Choice” awards in person and virtually on the Mercer County Library System’s website.

## HOW TO ENTER:

**New this year:** Art entries may be submitted to your respective branches, and if accepted, the entry will be displayed at your branch beginning Wednesday, March 6, 2024. The Mercer County Library System is not responsible for any damage, theft or loss to art entries.

**Entries must be dropped off between: Wednesday, February 28, and Wednesday, March 6, 2024. Tape a copy of the entry form to the back of artwork. If the artist wishes to be considered for the People’s Choice Award, submit a photo of the artwork and the photo release form digitally to the Mercer County Library System at <https://mcl.org/events/trashedart/>.**

**Entries that have been selected for the final round of judging must be transported to the Lawrence Headquarters Branch by the artist between Monday, March 18 and Wednesday, March 27, 2024. If the art is not transported during this time, the art will be judged from the photograph submitted for the People’s Choice Award.**

**The Grand Prize winners in first, second and third place for adults, first place in a special student category, and People’s Choice award winners will be announced at the TrashedArt Contest Reception at the Lawrence Headquarters Branch on Tuesday, April 23rd at 6:30pm.**

**Pick up entries by 4:30 pm on Sunday, April 28.** If prior arrangements have not been made, any unclaimed entries will become the property of the library. For more information please visit <https://mcl.org/events/trashedart/>.



## TRASHEDart 2024 Contest Entry Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Hometown \_\_\_\_\_ Home Library Branch Location (e.g. Lawrence) \_\_\_\_\_

Email (preferred method of contact) \_\_\_\_\_

Title of Work: \_\_\_\_\_

List of recycled materials used and where they were found: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Age (Circle) Adult or Student Parent/Guardian Signature (if artist under 18) \_\_\_\_\_

By signing this form I agree to the conditions/terms of this form and have read and understand the contest guidelines.

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