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### **Boardman Arts Park: A-Mazing Story Contest**

#### ***Boardman Arts Park, Where Community and Creativity Meet***

**Boardman Arts Park and the Delaware County District Library invite residents of Delaware County, Ohio to enter a poetry contest celebrating the Park's new A-Mazing Garden Maze.**

Boardman Arts Park, in partnership with the Delaware County District Library invites residents of Delaware County to submit a poem celebrating the park's new A-Mazing Garden Maze. The contest runs until April 15, 2022, with entries being accepted either online or in person at any of the four Delaware County District Library branch locations:

Delaware Main Library 84 East Winter St. Delaware, OH 43015  
Orange Branch Library 7171 Gooding Blvd. Delaware, OH 43015  
Ostrander Branch Library 75 North Fourth St. Ostrander, OH 43061  
Powell Branch Library 460 South Liberty St. Powell, OH 43065

Entries must include a poem, up to 20 lines, that guides young readers through the A-Mazing Garden maze at Boardman Arts Park to the discovery of the sculpture *Joey the Muffler Boy and his Dog* at the center of the maze. Participants will also have the option to upload illustrations, photos, or any other visual medium to help express their story and bring the narrative to life. Writers can find inspiration at Boardman Arts Park located at 154 W William Street, Delaware, OH 43015 or by visiting the Imagination Space page at [boardmanartspark.org](http://boardmanartspark.org). The contest encourages originality; Is Joey lost? Hiding? Will any other "characters" at the park make an appearance? Let your imagination run wild! Entries will be judged on three categories to include Story Telling, Community Integration, and Park Characters Integration. These categories will be equally weighted.

"The Library is a place where the community can explore the world and discover local creativity and culture," says Mr. George Morrison, Youth Services Librarian of the Delaware Main Library, "The A-Mazing Story Contest is one such partnership where we can exemplify introducing the community to itself. We look forward to working with the winning authors to showcase their stories both in the maze and as stories that can be checked out from the Library."

Winners of the contest will be announced on May 1, 2022 at the Boardman Arts Park's May Day Celebration from 12-1:30 PM. There will be 3 prizes:

1st Place Winner: Will receive their story published at the Park, Delaware County District Library and as an e-book version of their story. There will also be a \$100 cash prize.

2nd Place: Will receive an e-book version of their story and a \$50 Beanbag Books gift card.

3rd Place: Will receive an e-book version of their story.

For full contest details and official rules, and to enter, visit: <https://boardmanartspark.org/amazing>.

Boardman Arts Park is made possible through grants from USA Today, and Ohio Arts Council ArtNext, as well as donations from the community including Kiwanis, the Eagles and individual donors. Visitors are welcome at the park, sunup to sundown, and invited to enjoy the art pieces, the open green space, walking path, and budding Imagination Space.