AASL School Library Month/SLS Calendar Contest 2019 Theme:

**Everyone Belongs @ Your School Library**

What are the criteria for entry?

All entries should reflect this theme in some way. Original student artwork, essays or poetry are being solicited. It is not necessary for the exact wording to appear in the artwork or essay. The submission should highlight how the student’s school librarian or school library has positively impacted them. Judges will look for:

- quality of work
- originality of design
- correlation to the theme

Do I have to choose winners at the building level?

Only if you would like to. Some librarians like to make it a contest at the building level, with the best entries being sent on to the SLS. Others prefer to send along a giant stack of entries, and leave all of the judging to the SLS staff.

Why does the SLS use the AASL School Library Month theme as the contest theme?

Remember that this contest purposely coincides with School Library Month – April, because it’s also intended to be an opportunity for you to display student entries and promote school libraries during School Library Month (April). With this in mind, a possible time-frame is: advertise and collect entries by the end of March, and then display them in your library in the first few weeks of April. (See document with suggested Timeline for specifics.)

Can I collaborate with other teachers on this project?

Absolutely. Feel free to ask your art teacher, a classroom teacher, or any other staff member to collaborate on this project.
**What happens if one of my students wins?**
We will send notification to you in early May to share with your student and their parent/guardian, which includes an invitation for the student and up to two family members to attend the breakfast on May 22.

**What happens if my student’s family members are unable to attend?** Though historically almost all most winners have been able to come with a family member, when that isn’t possible some schools have made alternate arrangements for the winning student, e.g., for alternate transportation and inviting them to be “guests” of the librarian and/or administrator. Of course, that is entirely up to the school/district.

**What do winners receive?**
All winners will have their artwork featured in the SLS Calendar (2019-20) as well as at the Awards Breakfast, and will also receive a certificate at the Awards Breakfast. Grand prize winners will also receive a $15 gift certificate to Barnes and Noble.

**What if I’m late in submitting my entries?**
Entries must be submitted before you depart for spring break (April 11). We will be judging mid-week spring break, in order to turn the artwork around to the print shop in a reasonable period of time.

**What are the age categories?**
Early Elementary = K-1  
Middle Elementary = 2-3  
Upper Elementary = 4-5  
Middle school = 6-8