Frank Sarris Public Library
Family Gingerbread House Contest

The Frank Sarris Public Library is hosting a Gingerbread House Contest, and we want you to join in the fun and show your creativity!

Contest Rules

Who Can Enter?
Families may enter multiple structures.

What Type of Structure is Eligible?
Submissions must be handmade, from a kit or baked, not store or craft show bought items, trademarked, etc. Any structure can be created: house, train, igloo, or even a winter scene, etc. Entries must be appropriate for audiences of all ages. All entries should be mounted on a sturdy board. Base size cannot exceed 13"x 18". Everything visible must be edible, no wrappers or foils left on any candies. Non-visible supports of any materials are allowed.

When is the Submission Deadline?
Gingerbread houses may be submitted from Thursday, November 19th through Thursday, December 3rd during library operating hours. No entries will be accepted after library closing on December 3rd.

How to Submit Gingerbread Houses?
Gingerbread houses should be brought to the Frank Sarris Public Library's circulation desk on the first floor during our operating hours. All submissions must be accompanied with a completed and signed entry form.

How Will Prizes be Determined?
On December 4th and December 5th during Canonsburg Old Fashioned Christmas, visitors to the library will have the opportunity to vote on their favorite gingerbread houses.

The voting hours are:
Fri, December 4th: 4pm-8pm
Sat December 5th: Noon-8pm

What are the Prizes?
Gift cards will be awarded to the first, second, and third place winners.

What is the timeline?
Gingerbread houses will be displayed from December 4th and December 5th. Voting will take place on December 4th and 5th During Canonsburg Old Fashioned Christmas. Winners will be contacted and announced by December 8th. Gingerbread houses can be picked up after December 8th.

Frank Sarris Public Library
2026 Gingerbread House Contest Entry Form

Name: _____
Phone: _____
Gingerbread house title: _____

I affirm that this submitted item is my original work and was created only by me.

_____ _____
Signature of Person Submitting Entry Date

I, the parent/guardian of the child named below OR I (if contestant is 18 or older) do hereby give permission to the Frank Sarris Public Library to place this work on display and to reproduce the work (giving due credit to my child or me) on the library's website and in other library publicity or publications. I agree to release the Frank Sarris Public Library from any liability for any loss or damage that may occur while the work is at the library. I also agree to release the Frank Sarris Public Library, its employees, agents and representatives, from any and all liability, claims or damages which in whole or in part result from, or arise out of, or are claimed to result from or arise out of participation in the 2026 Gingerbread House Contest.

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Signature of Person Submitting Entry Date

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Signature of Parent/Guardian (if contestant is 17 and younger) Date