

Saint Louis University Libraries
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Dear 1818 Educator,

First, thank you for your service to our students this year (and every year). We're writing to let you know that Saint Louis University is excited to announce the launch of this year's Campus Read featuring *The Amazing Adventures of Kavalier and Clay* by our [2020 St. Louis Literary Award recipient](#), Michael Chabon. This year, in an effort to provide opportunities for students to process their emotions in creative ways and connect to the broader community, we will be including an arts competition as a part of the Campus Read programming. The *Inspired By Arts Showcase* will be open to all students in our 1818 high schools (much as our [2018 performance event](#) honoring award recipient Stephen Sondheim was) and is sponsored by the St. Louis Literary Award in partnership with Saint Louis University and the [Saint Louis University Library Associates](#). *[Left Bank Books](#) in St. Louis is also selling the novel at a 20% discount to all participants. Full details (including prize opportunities!) are listed below:

What We're Looking For

To participate in the Showcase, please read *The Amazing Adventures of Kavalier and Clay* by Michael Chabon (Chabon, 2000.). The task will then be to create a work of art inspired by a theme in the novel. We are accepting submissions in the following categories:

- **Written works:** poetry (long or short form), creative writing (fiction or nonfiction), scripts, etc. *Submissions should be no longer than 1000 words.*
- **Performance:** Short films (animated or live action), dance/choreographic displays, original music/lyrics/compositions, etc. *Submissions should be no longer than 10 minutes.*
- **Visual and other non-digital submissions:** photographs (digital or print copies), collages, paintings, sculptures, drawings, etc.

Submissions and Deadlines

Submissions will be accepted starting September 14th, 2020 and will close at 12pm CST on February 12th, 2021.

- Please include in your submission a brief statement describing the theme or message of your work and how it relates to *The Amazing Adventures of Kavalier and Clay*. This statement should be no more than 250 words.
- Digital submissions will be accepted via on the [Library Associates/St. Louis Literary Award webpage](#). Digital submissions can include the following formats: JPEG, MP3, MP4, PNG, Word, PDF.

- Non-digital submissions will be accepted via contactless drop-off at Pius Library during the hours of 9:00 am-6:00 pm on February 12th, 2021.

Finalists

The Arts Showcase will select 3 finalists in each of the three categories (Written, Performance, Visual/Non-Digital); submissions from high school and college students will be judged separately and only against others in the same category (total of 9 college finalists and 9 high school finalists). Pieces will be judged on the following criteria:

- Expression of theme
- Quality
- Creativity

Finalists will be notified of their status via email and will be asked to provide a brief autobiography. Final pieces will be displayed on the Pius Library website and upstairs in the gallery space at Pius. An additional location off campus may also be included.

Finalists will also be invited to participate in a virtual meet and greet with author Michael Chabon as a part of the programming for the April 15 & 16, 2021, St. Louis Literary Award events.

Awards are given to the winning submissions in each of the following categories:

High School Division Recipients

Writing Award: \$150

Performance Award: \$150

Visual Arts Award: \$150

We thank you in advance for sharing this opportunity widely and we look forward to reviewing submissions!

Sincerely,

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