



Program Proposal and Check Request Form

Rockford Public Library

Program Title: 3rd Annual Battle of the Bands

Program Description: Dates:

For the third year running, Rockford Public Library will hold its teen band showcase, Battle of the Bands on Sunday evening, October 12, 2008 from 5-10pm at The Rock Box, 317 West Jefferson Street!

Eight local bands whose members are all between the ages of 14 and 21 will have an opportunity to compete for fabulous prizes including studio recording time and cash! To enter the contest, submit an application, a demo CD and a \$25.00 registration fee at any of our locations by the close of business on Friday, September 12th. Bands will be notified starting Monday, September 22nd. All competing band members must be present at 3:00pm on the day of the show at the Rock Box to compete. Prizes include \$500 cash for first place, \$300 for second and \$200 for third. Winners will be determined by a combination of judges scoring and audience vote.

This event is the kick off event for our Teen Read Week Celebration. Audience members may purchase tickets for the event starting at 4:30pm on the day of the show at the door. Refreshments and limited-edition t-shirts. No outside drinks or food will be allowed. No alcohol, drugs or smoking will be allowed. Use of recording devices, aside from still photography is strictly prohibited.

Program Objectives:

Our objective is to attract 300 paid attendees to the program. We hope to have 30% first-time program attendees. Our media objectives include coverage of the event on two television networks and in the newspaper. Our final objective is to earn enough money on the ticket sales and concessions to pay for the cash prize money.

How will this program be promoted? (Please check all that apply)

- Flyers
- Day Care, Head Start, Schools, etc.
- Other media outlets
- Posters
- RPL Web page
- Other
- News releases
- Businesses/organizations catering to Non-English speaking

Will this program be repeated at multiple locations? Yes No

If yes, which locations? Main LL MO NE RC RR

What materials will be required? We will need high chairs and a table for the judges, ballots, programs and ballot boxes. We will also need printed t-shirts, wristbands, concessions and directional signs. Registration packet, band packets and back-stage passes will also need to be made.

Will materials be shared among locations? Yes No

What staff/departments will be involved? Staff from across the system will be needed. The event will call for 13-18 people for approximately 100 staff hours on the day of the event.

How much will this program cost? The budget for this program is \$6150

How will this program be evaluated? (Check all that apply.)

- Attendance
- Comments from audience
- Staff comments

Other comments:

Signature of Submitter _____ **Date** _____

Signature of Manager _____ **Date** _____

Assoc. Dir. of Support Svcs. _____ **Date** _____

Check Payable to:

Amount:

Date needed by:

Petty Cash Needed:

Date needed by:

Picked up by:

- Check requests signed by Manager and Associate Director and submitted before Wednesday at noon will be available for pick-up by noon the following Wednesday.

Signature of Chief Financial Officer _____ **Date** _____

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Battle of the Bands

Rules and Regulations

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- Bands must consist of at least two members.
- Band members must be between the ages of 13 and 21 as of October 12, 2008.
- Band members may only enter and play with one band.
- Bands are expected to play at least two (2), but no more than three (3) songs during their performance. One song must be an original.
- Band name and lyrics of performance songs must not contain any obscenities.
- Qualifying bands will be notified starting September 26, 2007.
- Event organizers will mail contestant packets to the band contact starting on September 26th. Contestant packets must be completed in full and returned to the Main Library by October 1st.
- Bands must check-in at 3:00 p.m. at Memorial Hall. There will be a mandatory band meeting at 3:15 p.m. All band members must be present. Bands with late or absent members will be disqualified. At this time, bands will meet the event organizers, who will review the rules and go over the schedule for the day. Bands may unload equipment at 3:45 p.m.
- All bands will receive an equal amount of performance time (30 minutes). This includes set-up, performance, teardown and judges' comments.
- Time-slots for the performance will be assigned randomly on the day of the event.
- Bands must remain on site throughout the entire event. Any bands not present at the required times will be disqualified.
- All bands must be present at 10:00 p.m. for the announcement of the winners.
- Any band member who climbs on the PA, damages equipment or leaves the stage during their performance will immediately disqualify their band.
- Drugs, alcohol and tobacco products are not permitted on-site.
- If a band incites moshing or any other sort of violence in the crowd, the band will be disqualified.
- Bands will be evaluated by a panel of celebrity judges as well as the audience. A cumulative judges' score will count for 50% of the total score and audience votes will count for the other 50%.
- The judges will score musicians using a point system using the following criteria: Stage presentation, sound volume and clarity, band synchronization, time management, song quality and originality, stage management, and band enthusiasm and attitude. Judges will award points in each category using a point system of 1 to 10, with 10 being the best.

- All bands agree to have their name, voice, or/and likenesses used in any advertising or broadcasting material relating to this contest without any compensation or rights to royalties for such use.
- A P.A. system will be provided for the contest. Band members must provide all other musical instruments necessary for their performance.
- Band members are responsible for the security of their equipment and Rockford Public Library cannot be held liable for any lost, damaged, or stolen equipment.
- Fires, pyrotechnics, fog machines, etc. are not allowed.
- The Rockford Public Library reserves the right to make changes to the rules and regulations of the contest as well as the final word in any disputes that should arise concerning the contest.
- Failure to comply with any contest rules will result in disqualification.



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Battle of the Bands Rockford Public Library's 3rd Annual Teen Band Showcase Registration Form

Band Name: _____

Contact Information: (Band member – non-published information)

Name: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____

City, State, ZIP: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell phone: _____

Band Member Information:

Name	Signature	Age

By signing above, each band member confirms that he or she will be between 13 – 21 years of age as of October 12, 2008 and has read and will follow the Rules & Regulations of this contest. Any violation of these rules by any member of the band may result in the immediate disqualification of the entire band.

Parent/Guardian Signatures (for members under the age of 18).

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Description of music genre/style: _____

Please write a brief introduction for your band to be included in the event program: (50-100 words required)

Please send demo CD and registration form to:

Battle of the Bands
Rockford Public Library
215 North Wyman Street
Rockford, IL 61101

Applications may also be dropped off at the Youth Services Desk in the Main Library.

All entries must be received by 5:00 p.m. on Friday September 12, 2008.

Photos, bios, etc. are welcomed but not necessary. Materials including demos will NOT be returned.

Finalists will be notified by a Battle of the Bands representative starting September 22, 2008.

All band members must be available to play on Sunday, October 12th at Memorial Hall, 211 N Main St. to be eligible to enter.

Your band members can only enter and play with one band.

If you have any other questions, please call Heaether at (815) 965-7606 ext. 686.