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## Volunteer Cheer! Cards and Bookmarks

Cheer up someone's day with cards for hospitalized kids and bookmarks for homebound library users. After making, bring back to the library and we will distribute them.



## Ingredients (Included)

- two blank cards
- two blank bookmark + tassel
- washi tape
- assorted collage paper
- markers

## You Supply:

- anything else you want to draw with
- glue or tape of some kind
- any other art medium you want, get creative!

## Directions for Greeting Cards:

There are a lot of rules to follow for **Cards for Hospitalized Kids** to make sure your card meets their guidelines. You can find them here but I will list them below, too:

<http://www.cardsforhospitalizedkids.com/make-general-cards.html>

- **NO GLITTER.** It comes off the card too easily and is a safety hazard for hospitalized kids.
- Make sure whatever you add does not easily fall or rub off the card.
- You don't need to address the card, but if you want to, use a general greeting.

Here are some examples:

- Hey there
- Hello you
- To a special person



## Directions, cont.:

- DON'T WRITE variations on "get well soon", "feel better", or other comments related to illness. Some of these kids will have chronic or life-threatening conditions.
- Instead, write uplifting messages that focus on the child as a whole. Here are some examples:
  - You are awesome
  - Never forget how amazing you are
  - I hope you have a great day today
  - I believe in you
- Don't give out your personal information (email, phone, etc.) but please do sign your first name.
- Don't include any religious encouragements, like "God bless" or "I'm praying for you." Hospitals will not accept those cards.



## Directions for Bookmarks:

These bookmarks will go to Wilmette and Kenilworth patrons who are signed up for our home delivery service. These individuals are unable to come to the library because of a temporary or permanent disabling condition.

Use the same guidelines for Cards for Hospitalized Kids in making your bookmark, but **focus the bookmark on books, audiobooks, reading, love of the library, or something similar.**

We will collect all the cards and bookmarks and distribute them for you!

Return your completed cards and bookmarks to the library!

You can:

- drop them off at the RA desk in an envelope, or
- mail them to the library at this address:

Wilmette Public Library  
c/o Krista Hutley  
1242 Wilmette Ave.  
Wilmette, IL 60091



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