

SCBWI-IL Masthead Contest

2026 Spring Thaw

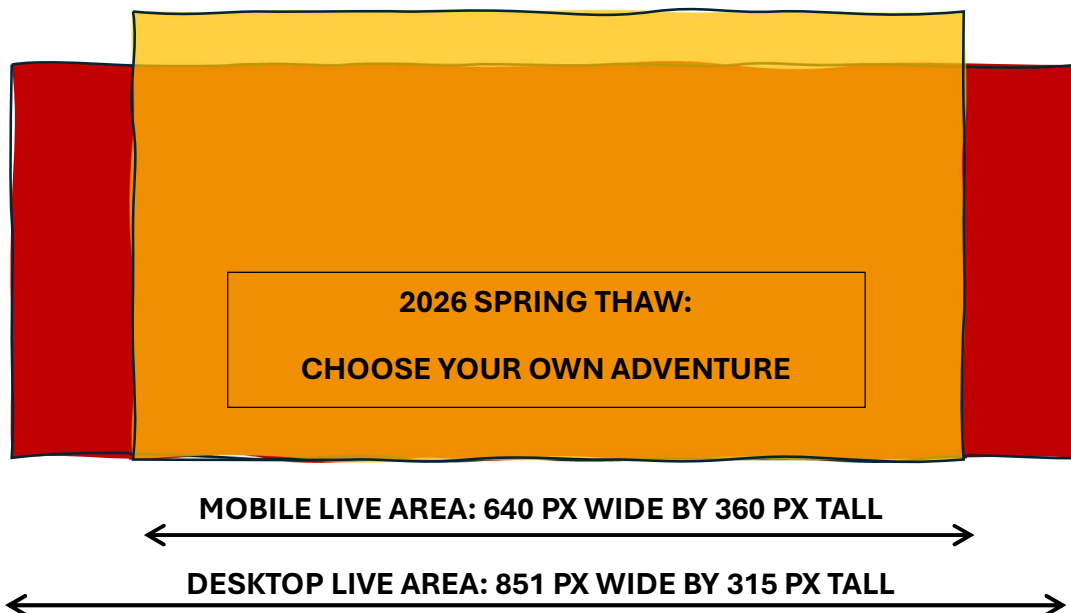
Illustrate the 2026 Spring Thaw Masthead Banner based on this year's theme: Choose Your Own Adventure

The 2026 Spring Thaw is coming on April 11th, 2026, and we are asking SCBWI-IL Members to create a banner to promote our event! More details to come!

Contest Rules:

1. You must be a current SCBWI-Illinois Member to enter; there is only one entry per member.
2. Art should be in JPEG format and no larger than 851 px by 315 px
3. File Naming: LastName_FirstName_2026ST.jpg (i.e. Previn_Stacey_2026ST.jpg)
4. Click to upload your files to [DROPBOX](#)
5. Entries must be uploaded by **11:59 pm on Saturday, November 15th, 2025**. Late submissions will not be accepted.
6. Entry must include this text within the image:

“2026 Spring Thaw:
Choose Your Own Adventure”



7. The winning Masthead will be used to promote the 2026 Spring Thaw event, including various social media platforms.
8. All entries will be placed into an online gallery or Google Form and voted on by fellow SCBWI-Illinois members.
9. Voting will take place from **November 17th – November 21st, 2025**.
10. The winning illustrator will be credited wherever the winning design is used to promote the event.
11. The winner will be announced on **Monday, November 24th, 2025**.
12. The winning illustrator will receive one free attendance, either in person or online, at the Spring Thaw event.