

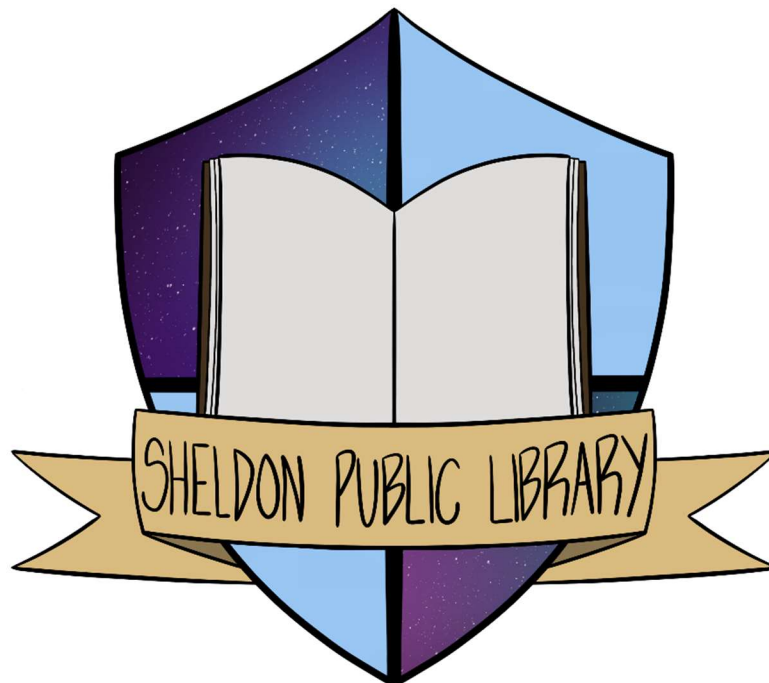
# YOUR COAT OF ARMS

A coat of arms is a picture that represents a family. Royal families had coats of arms to show others what their family had accomplished, or was famous for. Knights wore them on their shields to be recognized under all their armor.

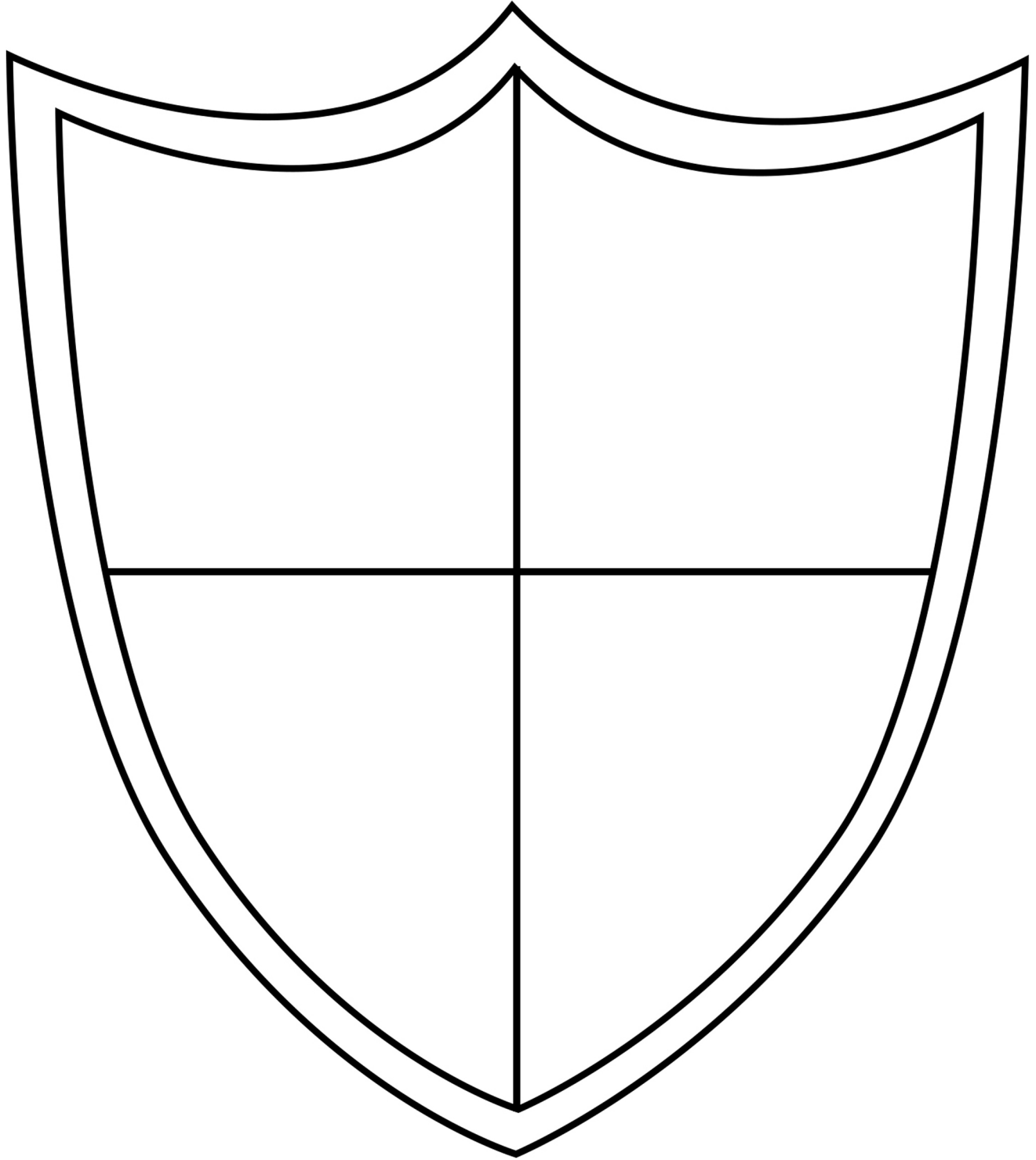
The pictures and colors on a coat of arms tell you something about the person who carries it. The Royal Library of the Mythic Realm of Sheldon has a coat of arms with a book on it, and space as a background, because we're always ready to explore somewhere new. The blue represents loyalty and truth. What would your or your family's coat of arms look like? Here are some things you could include:

- a favorite hobby
- something you value
- an animal that represents you (a tiger for bravery, a deer for speed)
- something you love to do
- colors that you love, or that mean something (orange for Orabs, green for joy and hope)
- patterns for symbolism or decoration (stars for exploration, dots for fun)
- a pet you love
- a flag for your family's heritage (Mexico, Germany, the Netherlands)
- your castle

Coats of arms came in a variety of shapes – make yours however you want. If you need an idea to get you started, used the shape on the back of this page. After you've made it, display it in your room or in your home. Or take a picture and share it with us at the library. We would love to see it!



# MAKE YOUR OWN



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