



30th ANNUAL FRIENDS OF WNPL
Creative WRITING
CONTEST • 2023

CATEGORIES

Short Story (fiction)
Poetry
*Limited to two entries in each category
per person; please no graphic novels*

AGE GROUPS

Grades 3, 4 and 5
Grades 6, 7 and 8
High School
Adult

SHORT STORY LENGTH

Grades 3 through 8: Up to 4 pages
High School and Adult: Up to 5 pages

POETRY LENGTH

Maximum of 50 lines for all age groups

FORMATTING

Only original materials may be entered.
All entries must be single-sided and double spaced, with one inch margins and in 12 pt. Times New Roman or Arial font.
Each entry must have a completed Entry Form as a cover page.
DO NOT write your name on the pages of your entry.
DO NOT staple the pages of your entry together - a paperclip, envelope or folder is admissible.
Entries that do not follow formatting guidelines or are submitted after deadline will be removed from consideration.
All materials may be used by the library for educational/informational purposes.
Works may only be submitted for consideration one time.
Duplicate entries from previous years will not be entered into the contest.

PRIZES

Will be awarded (with certificate) to winners in all categories (a total of 24 prizes) as follows:
\$50 First Place
\$30 Second Place
\$20 Third Place

DEADLINE

Sunday, March 5, 2023

MAIL OR DELIVER TO

Friends of Warren-Newport Public Library
Attn: Creative Writing Contest
224 N. O'Plaine Road Gurnee, IL 60031
Email: creativewriting@wnpl.info
Sorry, no international entries - U.S. only

JUDGES

Comprised of WNPL employees and community volunteers who are approved by the Friends of the Library

WINNERS (ONLY)

Will be notified the week of March 27, 2023
Winning entries may be on display on the library's website or social media.

AWARDS CEREMONY

Sunday, April 23, 2023, 1:30PM



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