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Creative WRITING



CONTEST • 2025

Please fill out one form per entry. Sorry, no international entries – U.S. only.

Full Name:				
Address:				
City:		State:		Zip:
Phone Number:				
Email:				
Category:	Short Story	Poetry		
Grade/Age Group of Author:	3-5	6-8	High School	Adult
Entry Title:				

Permission Form

By signing this form, I state that this is entirely my own work, and I understand that winning entries will be displayed at the Warren-Newport Public Library and posted on their website. I also give permission to have my photo posted on the library website and/or local newspapers. I understand that I retain all other copyrights for this entry.

Full Name: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

If under 18, name, signature, phone and email of parent or guardian:

Full Name: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

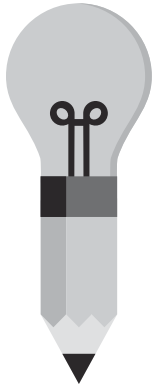
Phone: _____ Email: _____

Submissions are due by 5PM, Sunday, March 2, 2025

Mail or deliver to: Friends of Warren-Newport Public Library | *Attn: Creative Writing Contest*

224 N. O'Plaine Rd., Gurnee, IL 60031

Email Submission: creativewriting@wnpl.info



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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 & RULES (all entries must meet the following requirements)

- Only original materials may be entered.
- Entry is single-sided.
- Entry is double spaced.
- Entry has one inch margins.
- Entry is 12 pt. Times New Roman or Arial font.
- Each entry has an Entry Form as a cover sheet.
- Entry is free of written or typed names and drawings.
- Entry is NOT stapled (*paperclip, envelope, or folder is admissible*)

Entries that do not follow formatting guidelines & rules 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

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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 24, 2025

Winning entries may be on display on the library's website or social media.

AWARDS CEREMONY

Sunday, April 13, 2025, 2PM



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