



Rockford Public Library

Write It Out Short Story Contest Rules and Information



1. All works submitted must be original.
2. Only one submission per person.
3. Participants must currently be enrolled in grades 6-12 (or ages 11-18).
4. Short stories should be no longer than 2000 words.
5. Short stories will be divided into two categories: grades 6-8 and grades 9-12.
6. The decision of the judges is final.
7. Each entry must be submitted with an official entry form which can be found online or at any Rockford Public Library location.
8. Do not put your name anywhere on your work, only on the application form.
Entries with names on them will not be considered.
9. All entries must be double-spaced and typed or double-spaced and printed by hand. Each page must be numbered.
10. Entries must be submitted to the library by 5:00 p.m. Sunday April 6th, 2008.
11. Winners and runners-up will be notified by mail by April 21, 2008.
12. Awards ceremony will be on Tuesday April 29, 2008. 7:00-8:00 P.M. in the Young Adult Zone at Rockford Public Library's Main location.

Entries can be submitted in-person at any Rockford Public Library location, by mail to Heaether Venetucci-Johnson, Rockford Public Library, 215 N. Wyman Street, Rockford, IL 61101 or by email to hvenetucci@rockfordpubliclibrary.org.

Entries will be judged on the following criteria: originality, character development, style, theme, description, plot, dialogue, setting, and tone.

Entries will be judged first by a group of RPL staff. The top 10 in each category will then be judged by a panel of judges from the community.

Winning entries may be published on the library's website and in the YA Newsletter.

Winners and all those participating will be honored at an awards ceremony on April 29, 2007.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Heaether Venetucci-Johnson at 965-7606, option 5 or ext. 686.

Prizes

1st place in each category: \$100 gift certificate

2nd place in each category: \$75 gift certificate

3rd place in each category: \$50 gift certificate

Write It Out Short Story Contest – Entry Form

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ **ZIP CODE:** _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

AGE: _____ **BIRTHDATE:** _____

SCHOOL: _____ **CURRENT GRADE:** _____

TITLE OF SUBMISSION: _____

*This information will only be used by the Rockford Public Library in order to contact you regarding the Write It Out Short Story Contest.

FOR LIBRARY USE ONLY—Branch Staff, please forward to Heather Venetucci-Johnson at Main

Date: _____

Number: _____