



53rd Annual Creative Writing Contest Rules and Information

Sponsored by the Friends of the Littleton Library and Museum*

The purpose of this contest is to promote and recognize students to write creatively. *This should not be a classroom assignment.* Authors are to use their own initiative to submit entries.

CATEGORIES

- Poetry (any length, all forms)
- Short Story (2,500 words max; such as: fiction, non-fiction, memoir, science fiction, fantasy)
- Other (such as: anime, script, essay, speech)

JUDGING

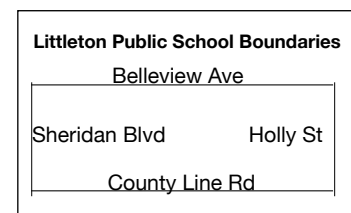
Entries will be judged anonymously based on originality, quality of expression and skill in handling specific forms of writing. Specific rubrics will be provided on the Friends' website. Judges decisions will be final. Winners will be notified by the judges by the week of April 13.

AWARDS CEREMONY

Winning authors will be presented awards on Sunday, April 26, 2020 at 2:00pm at Bemis Public Library.

RULES

- Carefully read and follow rules.
- One manuscript per category (one poem, short story and/or other) may be submitted (three total).
- Each manuscript must have a separate Entry Form.
- Incomplete Entry Forms will be subject to disqualification.
- The **author's name should ONLY appear on the Entry Form.**
- Entries must be the work of an individual, not joint ownership.
- Manuscripts may be typed or printed legibly on only one side of an 8 ½" x 11" sheet.
- Label each page of the manuscript with the TITLE of the work and the PAGE NUMBER.
- First grade authors may dictate their entries.
- Do not use a folder or a cover.**
- All students in **1st through 12th** grades are eligible.
- Authors must reside within or attend a school located within the Littleton Public Schools boundaries.
- Manuscripts will not be returned.
- All winning entries will be bound in a book and copies will be available for purchase. Past year books may be referenced in the children's room at the library.
- Entries are **due by 5:00pm, Saturday, March 28, 2020.**
 - Staple Entry Form to manuscript, submit at front desk, Bemis Public Library (6014 S Datura St)
 - OR Email Entry Form and manuscript to: FriendsCreativeWritingContest@gmail.com
 - NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED.
- Winners will be notified by the week of April 13th. Due to the volume of contestants, only the winners will be notified.



***PLEASE NOTE:** This contest is sponsored and managed solely by the Friends of the Littleton Library and Museum. The staff of the Bemis Public Library has no involvement in procedures or judging. Questions should be referred to FriendsCreativeWritingContest@gmail.com



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ENTRY FORM

Deadline: 5 p.m., Saturday March 28, 2020

Email with Entry Form to FriendsCreativeWritingContest@gmail.com
or front desk at Bemis Library

Please print and complete all information legibly. Fill out one entry form for each manuscript.

Author's Name: _____

Home Address: _____ ZIP Code: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

School: _____ Teacher: _____

Grade: *(Check one)*

- 1-2
- 3-4
- 5-6
- 7-8
- 9-10
- 11-12

Category:

- Poetry
- Short Story
- Other

Title of Entry: _____

I declare that the attached manuscript is my own work. *(Plagiarism will be cause for disqualification.)* I have complied with all of the contest rules.

AUTHOR SIGNATURE
(Required)

PARENT SIGNATURE
(Required)

*The Friends' Creative Writing Contest adheres to the **Safe2Tell** principles. Safe2Tell is a Colorado program to report any issues that concern the safety of students, parents, and community members about issues that concern their safety or the safety of others. We understand that students often express anger, sadness or other strong emotions in their writings. While we encourage uninhibited writing, we also are aware of our responsibilities to authors and others.*