

Patten Free Library

“Write On!”

2016 Annual Teen Writing Contest

1st prize and 2nd prizes will be named in each of four categories:

Grades 7-9: Short Fiction
Memoir

Grades 10-12: Short Fiction
Memoir

Entries will be judged by a panel of library staff, trustees, local teachers, and teen library council members, and winners announced in public ceremony in early January. First (\$100) and second prize (\$50) gift certificates will be awarded in each category. At the ceremony, library staff will read selections from the winning entries and present the prizes and certificates.

Entries accepted August 1 through November 18, 2016.

Guidelines:

- Two submission limit per author per category; no co-authors.
- Entrants must be in grades 7-12, live in the library service area, or attend an R.S.U. 1 school
- Previously published work will not be accepted
- Short fiction may be up to 8 numbered pages, with 1.5 line spacing, 12-point font, and 1-inch margins
- Memoir may be up to 4 numbered pages, with 1.5 line spacing, 12-point font, and 1-inch margins
- Include a header on each page with: title, category, and page number
- DO NOT include writer’s name in header or in story
- No “fan fiction,” please.

Electronic submissions are preferred. Writers submitting printed works must fill out a contest entry form at the Library’s Information Desk at the time of submission.

To enter electronically, send in the BODY of an email:

- Writer’s name and full address
- Telephone number
- Grade and school name (or note as homeschooled)
- Title and Category (Short fiction or memoir) of the entry

Attach your submission to the e-mail:

- Acceptable formats include Word documents, .rtf or .pdf files
- Email to Roberta Jordan at rjordan@patten.lib.me.us.
- Put “PFL Writing Contest Submission” in the subject line.

Winning entries will be published in a booklet (print and online).

Questions? Call Roberta Jordan at 443-5141, extension 25.