

Patten Free Library

“Write On!”

2018 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. This year, we will also give winning writers the opportunity to share their work through a library podcast.

Entries accepted August 1 through November 19, 2018.

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.