

# **Patten Free Library**

## **2020 Annual Teen Writing Contest**

### **A Project of the Teen Library Council**

1<sup>st</sup> prize and 2<sup>nd</sup> 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. First (\$100) and second prize (\$50) gift certificates will be awarded in each category. Winners will be honored at a live reception in January 2021; winning entries will be published on the Library website.

**Entries accepted August 1 through December 4, 2020.**

#### **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, Chop Point School, Hyde School, or the Chewonki Middle 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.

**Writers submitting printed works may mail them to Teen Writing Contest, 33 Summer Street, Bath, ME 04530, or deliver to the Information Desk. Print submissions should include a cover sheet with name, address, telephone number, school, and submission category.**

**Electronic submissions are preferred.**

**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](mailto:rjordan@patten.lib.me.us).
- Put "PFL Writing Contest Submission" in the subject line.

Questions? Call or email Roberta Jordan (443-5141, extension 25; [rjordan@patten.lib.me.us](mailto:rjordan@patten.lib.me.us)).