

48th ANNUAL CHILDREN'S WRITING CONTEST

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LITTLETON LIBRARY and MUSEUM*

The purpose of this contest is to promote and recognize creative writing in children. **This should not be a classroom assignment.** It is meant to encourage children to use their own initiative in submitting entries. All information given below should be read carefully and instructions followed exactly. **Incomplete entry forms will be subject to disqualification.**

OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM IS ON THE BACK OF THIS PAGE

CATEGORIES

Short Story (fiction, 2,500 words maximum)

Poetry (any length, all forms)

JUDGING

Entries will be judged anonymously based on originality, quality of expression and skill in handling specific forms of writing. Decisions will be final.

AWARDS

Winners will be notified and presented with their awards at a ceremony to be held on **Sunday, April 19, 2015 at 3:00 p.m.** at the Bemis Public Library.

RULES

- **The author's name should ONLY appear on the entry form located on the reverse side of this page.**
- Only one manuscript per category may be submitted. (2 total)
- Each manuscript must have a separate entry form attached.
- Staple the entry form to the manuscript in the top left-hand corner.
- 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.**
- Only students in **first through eighth grades** are eligible and they must reside within or attend a school located within the Littleton Public Schools boundaries.
- **Manuscripts will not be returned**, so you may wish to make a copy of your entry. 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.
- Submit your entry at the **Bemis Public Library** (6014 South Datura Street, Littleton) before **5:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 28, 2015. No late entries will be accepted.**
- **Winners will be notified on or near Wednesday, April 8, 2015. (Due to the volume of contestants, only the winners will be notified)**

*PLEASE NOTE:

This contest is sponsored and managed solely by the Friends. The staff of the Bemis Public Library has no involvement in procedures or judging. Questions should be referred to Jennifer Novinger at jennifernovinger@gmail.com

48th ANNUAL CHILDREN'S CREATIVE WRITING CONTEST ENTRY FORM

(Please print and complete all information legibly. Fill out one entry form for each manuscript. Winners will be contacted by email/phone so write neatly!)

Author's Name: _____

Home Address: _____

Zip Code: _____

Home Phone: _____

Email: _____

School/Teacher: _____

Grade: ___ 1-2 ___ 3-4 ___ 5-6 ___ 7-8

Category: ___ Short Story ___ Poetry

Title of Entry: _____

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

AUTHOR SIGNATURE
(Required)

PARENT SIGNATURE
(Required)