

# Calling all young writers, grades 3-8.

## Plymouth District Library Children's Writing Contest Guidelines

There are three categories to choose from:

1. Short Story – short stories can be up to 1,500 words. No illustrations or drawings are allowed in the short story category. Entries must be typed, double spaced, size 12 font, and submitted as a Word document or dropped off in person. Your name must not appear anywhere on your work.
2. Poetry – poems can be up to 30 lines. Write your poem in any form you like (sonnet, haiku, free verse, etc.) No illustrations or drawings are allowed in the poetry category. Entries must be typed, size 12 font, and submitted as a Word document or dropped off in person. Your name must not appear anywhere on your work.
3. Miscellaneous – This category welcomes any written work that doesn't fall into the above categories. It can be creative non-fiction, essay, a play, song lyrics, a picture book manuscript (words only) or more! We encourage creative submissions rather than assigned schoolwork. Please refrain from submitting school essays. We welcome any writing-based work that does not exceed 1,500 words. Miscellaneous works must be typed, double spaced, size 12 font, and submitted as a Word document or dropped off in person.

You may submit up to one piece per category. (If you want to submit one of each, that's great! But if you're only interested in one category, that's great too!)

All entries must be your own original work. No fanfiction or adaptations of other work.

Your work must not have appeared anywhere in print or online previously.

Entries must follow the guidelines stated above (ex. Word count, font size, spacing, etc.)

Your name must not appear anywhere on the entry itself. Your name will be submitted in the entry form only.

**All entries must be submitted by April 1, 2023 by 11:59pm. Drop off to the Youth Desk in person, or email submissions to Ms. Sarah: [sperry@plymouthlibrary.org](mailto:sperry@plymouthlibrary.org)**