



## CONTEST GUIDELINES

### 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual Young Author/Illustrator Contest

1st through 6th graders in Centre County may submit stories of their own creation to the Young Author/Illustrator Contest. 1<sup>st</sup> place winning stories will be hardbound and kept in the Centre County Library's permanent collection, and will also be available for purchase to the winner's family. Families of all stories who placed, may submit an order for bound copies.

1. Stories must use the Cover Sheet which includes: name(s), phone number(s), address(es), grade(s), teacher(s) and school(s) of the author and/or illustrator, indicating who did what if the entry is a joint one. Cover Sheets can be printed from the library webpage: [www.centrecountylibrary.org](http://www.centrecountylibrary.org) . A short autobiographical sketch may be included as a separate page.
2. Each child may contribute only one entry. Two children may submit a joint entry only if one child contributes the text and the other contributes the illustrations.
3. Students must create the text and illustrations, if any, themselves (no clip art). Books do not have to include illustrations. Entries can be a book of illustrations with no words as long as the illustrations tell a story—graphic novels, poetry and non-fiction texts are welcome as well.
4. Adults may advise students about punctuation and spelling, but they may not do any rewriting of the text or any portion of the drawings.
5. Final text must be typed or handwritten on plain, unlined, single sheets of paper (no folded pages to create books). Adults may assist with typing.
6. Book pages cannot be larger than 8½ by 11 inches, although they may be smaller. Each page must have at least a 1½ inch margin on all sides, so that any winning book can be hardbound.
7. Illustrations must be drawn by hand. Do not tape or paste drawings to the book's pages. Pictures must be drawn on the same sized paper as the text they illustrate—no licensed characters please.
8. You may make a cover for your book, but do not laminate it. Do not use binders, notebooks, or similar covers. **Use paper clips, not staples, to hold the book together.**
9. Each grade, 1st through 6th, will be judged against all other participants in that grade level; 3 winners and 2 honorable mentions from each grade level will be chosen.
10. The winning books, as well as those receiving honorable mention, will be selected by a panel of local judges on the basis of the author/illustrator's creativity and imagination. Correct grammar, spelling, punctuation, and neatness will also be considered.
11. We encourage teachers to take this as an opportunity for a classroom creative writing project; each story must have the attached cover sheet when being turned in to the library.
12. All entrants not chosen as winners will receive certificates of participation and their entries will be returned to their school (homeschool children will have them mailed back).
13. Winners will be notified by mail and phone prior to the awards ceremony to be held on **May 2, 2018 at the Bellefonte High School Auditorium from 6:00pm to 7:00pm.**
14. All entries must be received at any Centre County Library location on or before the deadline of **Monday April 9<sup>th</sup> 2018**

*By participating you are agreeing to be recognized by name in library publicity and any further media*