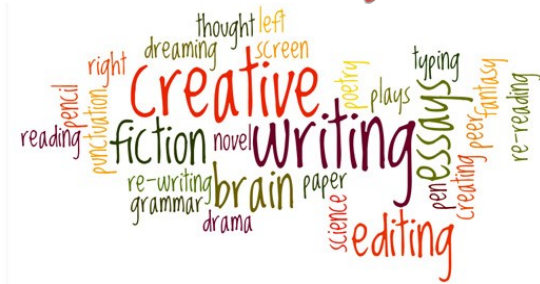


Due March 1, 2024



Calling all aspiring writers!!
Announcing the
32nd Annual
Bartlesville
Creative Writing Contest
2024

If you love to write, this is your opportunity to gain valuable experience and share your work with others.

Categories:

Division I (8th Grade Only)

- Poetry (not to exceed 60 lines)
- Fiction (not to exceed 1,500 words)

Division II (writers 14-17 years old)

- Poetry (not to exceed 60 lines)
- Fiction (not to exceed 1,500)
- Non-fiction (not to exceed 1,500 words)

Division III (writers 18+ years old)

- Poetry (not to exceed 120 lines)
- Fiction (not to exceed 5,000 words)
- Children’s literature (fiction or nonfiction
written for children ages 1-12, not to exceed 3,000 words)
- Non-fiction (not to exceed 5,000 words)

Eligibility: Contestants must be current Bartlesville Public Library cardholders. Library cards are free and available at the circulation desk of the library.

ENTRY FORM

I wish to enter the Friends of the Library Creative Writing Contest.
I have read and understand the rules. I am eligible for the Division entered.

Division I (8th Grade writers)

- _____ Poetry
- _____ Fiction

Division II (writers 9th-12th Grade)

- _____ Poetry
- _____ Fiction
- _____ Non-fiction

Division III (Non-Hiigh School 18+)

- _____ Poetry
- _____ Fiction
- _____ Children’s Literature
- _____ Non-Fiction

Enclosed is my \$15 entry fee (\$10 if a member) for Division III. **No fee is required for Division I or Division II entries.** (Make payment by check or money order only to the Friends of the Library. No cash will be accepted.)

ENTRY TITLE _____

FULL NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

PHONE _____ E-MAIL ADDRESS _____

See rules on reverse side

Each entry should be accompanied by a separate entry form. Entry forms may be reproduced. Each entry should be accompanied by a \$15.00 entry fee , \$10 for FOTL members (a single check or money order for multiple entries is acceptable). Entry fees for Division I and Division II will be waived.

Prizes:

- Grand prize \$200
- Grand prize for poetry \$200
- First place in each category \$100
- Second place in each category..... \$50

Winners will be announced in April at the awards program at the FOTL annual meeting. All contestants are invited to attend Winning entries only will be bound into a book available in the Reference and Local & Family History Departments of the Library.

Rules:

A contestant may enter more than one category and more than one manuscript in each category, but he or she may be awarded only one prize per category.

Only entries of unpublished manuscripts will be considered. Published manuscripts or manuscripts having received cash or other material benefits from previous contest submissions are ineligible for this contest.

All entries should be submitted according to the following manuscript format:

- Double-spaced
- Letter quality font (Times Roman, Courier)
- 12 pt. font
- One inch margins on all sides of document
- Left margin justified
- Title at the top of first page only
- Paginated in Arabic numerals (1, 2, 3, etc.)
- **Preferred method of submission is as a PDF emailed to: BartlesvilleFOTL@yahoo.com**
- Please attach an entry form for each manuscript submission, a signed copy of the Release of Liability and FOTL Creative Writing Contest agreement to the email
- Payment can be mailed or delivered in person

to:

FOTL Creative Writing Contest
c/o Bartlesville Public Library
600 S. Johnstone Ave.
Bartlesville, OK 74003



Important Notes:

- a. The name of the writer and all other information that would identify them must be excluded from the manuscript.
- b. Preferred method of entry submission is by email. Please contact Bartlesville Friends of the Library by email: BartlesvilleFOTL@yahoo.com for an alternate method of submission if needed.
- c. Please NO FOLDED OR STAPLED Manuscripts

Release of Liability

I, the Undersigned participant, desire to participate in the Creative Writing Contest promoted by the Friends of the Library. Accordingly, I hereby freely and voluntarily, with full understanding of the meaning of this Release and without duress, execute this Release, Waiver of liability for the benefit of the Friends of the Library.

I grant, convey, authorize and permit, the Friends of the Library to publish my work product, that was submitted to the Friends of the Library as a result of participating in the Creative Writing Contest, where the Friends of the Library deem appropriate.

I, Waive, Release and forever discharge and hold harmless the Friends of the Library and its successors and assigns from any and all liability, claims, demands, and or causes of action of whatever kind or nature, as a result of using my creative work product.

If a minor child is participating in the Creative Writing Contest, it will be necessary that the participant's parent or legal guardian sign on their behalf.

Signed this ____ day of _____, 20____.

Name of Participant

Signature of Participant

Signature of Parent of Legal Guardian

Friends of the Library Creative Writing Contest Agreement

Contest entries are to be original, unpublished work written by the person entering the contest. **Judges will check for plagiarism, and entries that do not meet these standards will be disqualified.**

Plagiarism includes:

*copying another's words directly and presenting them as your own without quotation marks and direct indication of whose words you are copying

*copying significant phrases, clauses, and passages from another source without quotation marks and proper acknowledgment.

*paraphrasing another writer's work by altering some words but communicating the same essential point(s) made by the original author without proper acknowledgment.

*presenting someone else's ideas or factual discoveries as your own.

My signature below indicates that I have read, understand and accept these definitions of plagiarism and the consequences of breaking the rules.

Printed Name

Signature

Date