



*Pacific Palisades
Library Association*

Friends of the Palisades Branch Library

**CHILDREN'S
CREATIVE
WRITING CONTEST**

**WRITE STORIES
&
CREATE BOOKMARKS, BOOK COVERS,
POP UP PAGES
JUNE 10 - SEPTEMBER 5, 2017**

**PRIZES FOR STORIES
&
BOOK DESIGNS**

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SUMMER CREATIVE WRITING CONTEST 2017

This summer there is an optional book design contest to go along with the library's summer reading theme: Reading by Design. There is no specific writing theme.

PART I: Writing Contest Rules

<All entries must be submitted to a librarian and logged in at the Palisades Branch Library Information Desk by September 5, 2017.

<Entries may be short stories, essays, non-fiction articles, dramatic scenes, monologues, or poetry.

<Contestants are limited to one entry not to exceed three pages (double spaced only) typed in font size 12. Use 8 x 11 inch white paper and use only one side. Please number the pages.

<Typed entries are preferred, but handwritten entries by younger contestants are acceptable. Sounded out but misspelled words are acceptable for younger entrants. Entries where an adult has clearly corrected all spelling or grammar or written the entry will be automatically disqualified. The charm of many entries is in the creative mistakes of a beginning writer.

<Contestants may work in small groups but only one prize will be awarded if the entry receives a prize.

<Each entry must have a completed entry form as a cover page and a legible contact email address. Do not place contestant's name or any other identification on the entry itself.

<Contestants may consult a dictionary, thesaurus, or other reference source, but they may not copy any published work. A non-fiction entry should have sources if necessary.

<Entries with profanity will be disqualified.

<Entries cannot be returned. Please keep a copy of your work as a computer document if possible.

<Contestants may not submit entries that have won prizes in other contests.

<Entries become the property of the PPLA. By entering the contest, contestants give permission for stories to be read aloud at the awards ceremony with video of the stories posted to the Friends Youtube channel, published in the local newspaper, kept in the library for interested readers, and published at www.friendsofpalilibrary.org.

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Part II: Design Contest Rules (OPTIONAL)

The Los Angeles Public Library's summer reading theme is Reading by Design. The optional book design contest complements this theme. The winning designs will be displayed at the awards ceremony.

>Book designs must be for the entry a contestant has written.

>There are three creative design options. Choose one.

1. a bookmark
2. book covers (front and back) or a book jacket
3. pop-up pages

BOOKMARKS

Bookmarks should represent the entry and be creative. The size can be any appropriate bookmark size. The material should be at least heavy card stock if using paper. Any materials may be used. Please submit the bookmark in an envelope with the contestant's name and entry title on the outside.

BOOK COVERS/BOOK JACKETS

Book covers or jackets should reflect the entry and be creative. They can be any book size. They can be two separate pieces, front and back, or a one piece book jacket. Designs can be submitted separately from the written entry or submitted with the entry in book form. Please submit all separate pieces in an envelope and label the envelope with the contestant's name and entry title. Be as creative with materials as you'd like.

POP-UP PAGES

Pop-up pages must be integrated into the written entry. There must be a minimum of two pop-up designs in the entry. Be as creative as you like!

Writing Prizes Awarded in Each Age Category

**Scribblers - Entering Grades 1 and 2
Scrawlers - Entering Grades 3 and 4
Jotters - Entering Grades 5 and 6
Scribes - Entering Grades 7 and 8
Authors - High School**

1st Place \$100 Gift Certificate to Diesel Books Brentwood

2nd Place \$50 Gift Certificate to Diesel Books Brentwood

3rd Place \$25 Gift Certificate to Diesel Books Brentwood

Design Prizes Awarded in Each Category

**Bookmarks
Book Covers/Jackets
Pop-Up Pages**

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Entry Form

Name: _____

Grade Entering in Fall 2017 _____

Category - Scribblers (Gr 1&2) _____ Jotters (Gr 3&4) _____ Scrawlers

(Gr 5&6) _____ Scribes (Gr7&8) _____ Authors (High School) _____

School _____

School principal (for award notification) Name _____ Email _____

Email addresses:

Parent _____

Student (high school only) _____

Title of Entry
(required): _____

I HAVE SUBMITTED AN OPTIONAL BOOK DESIGN THAT RELATES TO MY
ENTRY _____ Bookmark _____ Book Covers/Jacket _____ Pop-Up Pages
(check one)

HONOR PLEDGE: This entry is based on my own ideas and has not won a prize in any other contest.

Contestant Signature _____

Date _____

Parent Signature _____

Date _____