



## Tall Tales: Summer Writing Competition 2020

### Lawrenceburg Public Library District

#### Deadline:

- Submissions will be accepted between June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020 and July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2020.
- Entries should be emailed to [YouthServ@lpld.lib.in.us](mailto:YouthServ@lpld.lib.in.us) in the correct format using the attached entry form.

#### Theme:

- "Tall Tales" –Tall tales are full of fantastical, off-the-wall, exaggerated characters who do fantastical, off-the-wall, exaggerated things. Compose a tall tale story or poem of your own creation!

#### Guidelines:

- Poetry and prose are accepted. Students are able to submit one work per category.
- Divisions are by grade groups: K-4, 5-8, 9-12 (determined by what grade was just completed)
- 3 judges were picked throughout the community
- Blind Judging: The judges adjudicate each submission without knowledge of the writer's identity. **Please make sure that your submission does not contain any personal information.**
- Each submission must be a new, original work written in 2020.

#### Prizes:

- Prizes will be awarded to the winners of each grade group for both poetry and prose categories, for six total winners.
- Each winner will be awarded a \$25 Amazon gift card.
- Every student who submits their work will receive 5 extra raffle tickets for Lawrenceburg Public Library's summer reading.
- The Beacon will publish one winner per month in their print newspaper starting with the October 2020 edition. The Beacon will publish the submissions in part or full depending on length restrictions. The full submission will be published on Lawrenceburg Public Library's website.

#### Category Guidelines:

- Prose: One piece per student is permitted. Optional genres include fiction or fantasy short stories, novellas, or fanfiction.
  - K-4: 50-500 words
  - 5-8: 200-2500 words
  - 9-12: 500-5000 words
- Poetry:
  - Up to three poems are accepted per student. Each poem must not exceed 2 pages. Please put all poems in the same file. Do not submit them separately.

#### Formatting:

- Handwritten submissions will be accepted for grades K-4. Submissions must be legible and between 50-500 words.
- Students in grades 5-12 must submit typed pieces only.
- All typed submissions must be 12pt font, Times New Roman, Double-Spaced.
- Typed submissions must be uploaded as .doc, .docx, or .pdf files.

#### Judges:

- Barbara Bonney-Director of Lawrenceburg Public Library District
- Ron Nicholson, Professor of English, Ivy Tech Community College
- Susan Ray, Author and Freelance Writer

#### Copyright and Plagiarism:

- Work that is submitted to Lawrenceburg Public Library District's Summer Writing Competition must be original work created by the student. If a submitted work is copied from another writer, written by a parent or guardian, or is plagiarized, the work will be disqualified from the competition.

#### Release of submission:

- If the student's entry is selected as a winner, it will be published in part or in full on the library's website and by the Beacon newspaper. The student's name, age, and school will be included in the publication, unless otherwise desired by the student and their caregiver. By submitting an entry, the student is agreeing to let their work be published by those two entities.

## Tall Tales: LPLD Summer Writing Competition 2020 Entry Form

This fully completed form must accompany each entry. Please read the rules and guidelines before filling out the entry form.

### Student Information: Please type or print clearly. \* = required field

Full Name\*: \_\_\_\_\_

Last Grade Completed (Circle One)\*:    K-4    5-8    9-12                      Age\*: \_\_\_\_\_

Address\*: \_\_\_\_\_

City\*: \_\_\_\_\_ State\*: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip\*: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone\*: \_\_\_\_\_

School\*: \_\_\_\_\_

Entry Title\*: \_\_\_\_\_

Category (Circle One)\*: Poetry                      Prose

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### Acknowledgement of Publication and Guidelines

By filling out the information below, I give permission to The Beacon newspaper and Lawrenceburg Public Library District to publish my submission in part or in full if chosen as a winner. I understand that my name, age, and school will be included in the publication, unless otherwise desired by the student and their parent or guardian. I verify that I have read the rules and guidelines and have abided by them. I verify that no personal information is included on my submission, only on this entry form.

Full Name\*: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature\*: \_\_\_\_\_ Date\*: \_\_\_\_\_

### If under 18, please include the signature and contact information of a parent or guardian:

Signature\*: \_\_\_\_\_ Date\*: \_\_\_\_\_

Address\*: \_\_\_\_\_

City\*: \_\_\_\_\_ State\*: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip\*: \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Phone\*: \_\_\_\_\_ Work/Cell Phone\*: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_