



Friends of the Sun Prairie Public Library 2020 Writing Contest

The Friends of the Sun Prairie Public Library are holding the 2nd annual Writing Contest. We encourage school-aged kids, teens, and adults to submit an original piece of writing based on the topics presented below. Prizes will be awarded in each of three age categories. This project is funded by the Dick Wanless Memorial Fund. Please see the Rules & Guidelines below for more information.

Topics:

Grades K-5: *“When I walk into the library, I feel...”*

Grades 6-12: *“Libraries help me to become...”*

Adults: *“The Library is important to the Sun Prairie community because...”*

TIMELINE:

- **Submission period:** Sunday, March 1st - Friday, April 17th, 2020
- **Winners notified:** by May 8th
- **Recognition Celebration:** Saturday, May 16th, 2:00pm

RULES & GUIDELINES:

- Writings may be in any genre of writing, including personal short story, graphic novel, essay or poem, with a maximum 500 words.
- Submissions will be accepted online or in print, from March 1st – April 17th. No submissions will be accepted before or after the submission period.
- Online submissions must be attached in PDF format, or typed or copied & pasted into the box provided on the submission form. (If you need assistance converting a document to PDF format, staff at the Library’s Information Desk will be happy to help you.) A link to the online submission form will be available beginning March 1st at www.sunprairiepubliclibrary.org/friends-sun-prairie-public-library.

- Print submissions may be dropped off at the Library's Information Desk, or mailed to:
Friends of the Library
1350 Linnerud Drive
Sun Prairie, WI, 53590

Mailed submissions must be postmarked no later than 4/17/2020. All print submissions must include a completed copy of the Submission form (available at the library's Information Desk).

- Please include your name on the essay itself.
- For children under age 18, parents must read, understand and agree to the Rules & Guidelines, and must sign the Submission Form. Parents may not help their child with the writing, other than taking dictation.
- All submissions will be reviewed, and cash prizes awarded on May 16th, within the following three age categories:
 - Kindergarten – grade 5
 - Grades 6 – 12
 - Adults
- Three cash prizes will be awarded in each age category, as follows:
 - 1st place: \$50
 - Runner up: \$30
 - Honorable mention: \$20
- Submissions will be published together in an anthology. Only minimal and necessary editing will be provided prior to publication. Entrants will have the option to not have their work included in the anthology.
- No personal information gathered in the submission process will be distributed beyond the scope of the Writing Contest or used for any other information, except where entrant has indicated an interest in receiving information about the Friends of the Sun Prairie Public Library.
- All entries must be original works and may not infringe on copyright laws. All participants agree to relinquish the copyright of their work to the Friends of the Sun Prairie Public Library for use in representing the organization in any manner it so chooses, including but not limited to advertising, marketing, web sites, and social media.
- Any questions about the writing contest may be directed to the Friends of the Sun Prairie Public Library, at sunlibraryfriends@gmail.com.