




Friends of the
Sun Prairie Public Library

2019 Writing Contest Anthology

"Why I Love My Library"



I love my
library
because...

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Introduction

In 2018, the Friends of the Sun Prairie Public Library began planning something new and exciting: a writing contest, to be held in conjunction with the 20 year celebration of the Sun Prairie Public Library! The theme of the contest was *"Why I Love My Library."* We hoped this theme would spark creativity and encourage people to tell their own library stories. Contest entries could be in the form of essay, short story, poetry or other forms of writing, and had a suggested maximum of 500 words.

The contest ran from February 1st through March 31st, 2019, and we were thrilled to receive 47 entries from people of all ages. A winning essay was chosen from each of three age categories: Kindergarten – Grade 5; Grades 6-12; and Adult. Winners were awarded a prize at a Recognition Celebration on May 19th, 2019. Selecting the winning entries was no easy task-- all of the entries were great, as you will see in this anthology.

The styles and formats varied widely: some were handwritten, some were in poetic form, others were written as letters or journal entries, some were very short, some were longer; and no two entries were quite alike. But they all demonstrated a love and appreciation for the Sun Prairie Public Library, a sentiment shared deeply by the Friends of the Library. We hope that you will enjoy reading these wonderful tributes to our library as much as we have.

- The Friends of the Sun Prairie Public Library



Category:

GRADES K - 5

Why I Love My Library?



Why I love my library?

I love my library. Library is a place of imagination and where anybody's

By: Tanish premmnath 4th Grade
Meadow view elementary school

dreams can come true by reading. They have fiction books like comics all the way to chapter books. They also have nonfiction books with a lot of facts. They also have fun books like joke books and riddles. They have play away recordings, when you are not interested in reading a book and they have a lot of movies to pick from. You can even get wii and wii u games there! They have fun activities like magic shows, animal shows, storytime and of course I love my library. They will have fun clubs like lego club and book clubs. Now you know why I love my library. Don't you think it's a cool place?

Literacy and education!

Imagination and dreams come to life!

Books are everywhere!

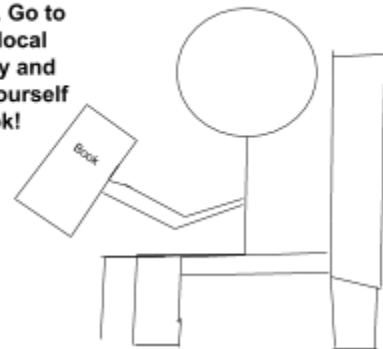
Read, Read, Read!

Awesome and cool place!

Readers' fort!

You will love the **LIBRARY!**

This guy is having fun reading a book. Go to your local library and get yourself a book!



Keep reading and keep rocking! (famous quote from Tanish)

Me and My Library Love

Layla Bergh Age 9

3rd Grade

“Why do I love the library?” Good question. The real question is, “Why does the library love me?” So, I asked the library “Why do you love me?” and she said “Because you come every day. Because you read to me. Because I love taking you on trips through stories and because you love me back”.

Then, the library asked – “So, why do you love *me*?” and I said: “You sometimes help me learn. You help me escape from my loud brother because he has to be quiet here. Because you give me free entertainment and you helped me discover my most favorite author, Meg Cabot.”

If you need a little love in *your* life, maybe consider stepping away from the screens (big and small). Give the library some love, because I’m sure she’ll love you back.

The Library

Anyone is invited to walk in the door.
Never matter the price if you go to the used bookstore.
There are CDs and puzzles and books galore.

Are you into math or geology?
Are you hooked on hamsters or biology?
Poetry or archaeology?
Whatever you want it's here, including technology.

There are students rewriting, deep in thought,
And kids reading stories so don't get caught talking and joking and playing around,
For the library is a place where you can be taught.

The librarian is a friend that loves a good end,
So ask her if there's a book that she can recommend,
Study that book, and on the weekend,
Learn that all book endings are not dead ends.

Over by the children's desks there's a table with empty chairs,
So come along and join in the storytime reading where everyone cares.

Come to the Public Library,
Found in Sun Prairie,
Where everyone is nice.
Yes, VERY, VERY.

By: Cadence Briggs

The library is a magical place. People may think the library is just boring books. The library is a journey through history. The library is like a fantasy or adventure. The library can be anything you want it to be. If you discover the mystery you will want to stay there forever. In the library you can leave stress or anger through a simple book. There are legends on most things in this world. A simple paragraph or page or chapter can make you love that book. It is amazing that there is no magic behind the library. The library also gives very useful information like the history of a famous person. The library gives people a career. My mind wonders how it is all done. The enjoyment of a book. A good quality of books is there is different themes of books so you do not get bored of always having a love story. There can be a mystery or a folktale, a road trip or romance, a nonfiction or fantasy. The library also has things for toddlers and adults. It is my favorite place and I hope other take interest in learning. I could keep talking about how great the library but those are some reasons of why I love the library.

By: Catriona Crowley

My Library

I love my library because I can travel the world and travel through time without leaving my couch. Books bring me to think of things I never would of thought about if it weren't for the library. I think the library connects my family. It brings us together through reading.

I think making the books in the library free makes it a place people want to be.

Librarians are probably one of the kindest people ever. They are friendly and always happy to help you find the perfect book.

The library connects the whole community. When I go to the library, I see people studying, looking for books, reading, and even just relaxing. But they all have one thing in common, they all love books and are brought together by the library.

If there was one place I would go to every day, it would be the library. I just love to find a good book and curl up in my room to read.

I think everyone should go to the library because it is a place open to the community where everyone is always welcome.

Did you know that there's a place where you can borrow as many books as you want for *free*?
It's the Sun Prairie Public Library.
And I like it a lot.

I like my public library because it helps me find the books I want to check out. It is very useful in that department, because it has a huge variety of books, so I have many to choose from. I always get excited to go, because it is a very interesting place. I find it interesting because it has the most delightful books that are so good I'm always sad when they are over. I owe that to my library because they're the ones that picked them out!

Another reason is that it is very tidy. I find it tidy because everything is organized and in its place. Other libraries I've been to usually have books on the floor, or in the wrong section on the shelf.

I also really like that you can get as many books as you need, although you have to read them by a certain due date. But, it is still a good thing, so you can get as many books as you can finish, in your time or pace of reading. This is good for your reading stamina; getting as many books as you need. At the library at my school, you can only get two, or three books at one time.

Another thing I like about my library is, that it has something for everyone. There is a teen section, a kid section, and a juvenile section. There is even a section for grownups. It's a place that everyone can enjoy!

I like my public library because it it helps me find books,
because it is a very interesting place,
because it is very tidy,
because you can get as many books as you need,
and because it has something for everyone.
I like my public library, and I think everyone else should too!

Submitted by Leah, age 8

By: Leah Divney

I love my library because....

By: Abigail Harrison

4th Grade

I love my library because I like reading, and whenever I want to read a book that I don't have, I go to the library.

My family often goes to the library before a road trip to get an audio book. We all really enjoyed *The Scourge*. I also love sitting in a comfy chair and reading a good book. I really enjoy the Summer Reading Program because I think it's fun to read books, write them down and get prizes.

I think the library is an awesome place to be when you want to read a good book and do challenges.

My Happy Place

By: Lailah Hensler

My name is Lailah, Lailah Hensler to be exact, but all my friends call me bookworm, and this is a story about my library.

My mom would always take me and my siblings to the library on Thursday after school. As soon as we walked into the building, all I could smell was that lovely new book smell. You know, that small scent that spreads through the air when you open up a new book? That's exactly what I smelled when I walked into one of my favorite buildings in all of Sun Prairie.

I spun around in a circle. "Someone is excited," my mom commented.

I smiled. "Duh," I replied. After a few moments of giggling we started on our way, and in one moment we were walking through the tree archways that lead us to the best part of the library: the books.

"Mama, I love these trees," my little sister Breckyn said as we walked underneath them. My mom nodded, a small smile on her face. My sister nodded back, "Yeah, they're so big and pretty!" She had a sparkly gleam in her eyes, as she always did when we were in the library.

As soon as we came out from underneath the trees my mom grabbed hold of Breckyn's hand. She knew

better, for if she hadn't grabbed hold, my sister would have run off faster than a cheetah to the dollhouse, her favorite part of the library. My sister began to tug on my mom, trying to drag her along.

"All right, all right, I'm coming," my mom said with a long sigh. She twisted around so she could face me.

"I'll be fine," I said, reading her face just like a book. "It's just the library."

She nodded and eventually gave in and let Breckyn pull her away. I smiled and shook my head. I have never met a kid more crazy about the library than my little sister. I watched her run with her legs flying out in odd directions so she didn't kick my mom. I watched until they disappeared around the corner, and then I began to walk away.

"Hey, bookworm!" a voice called, stopping me from bolting to the chapter book section. I spun around to see my best friend Abby standing right behind me.

"Hey," I called out to her. "Never seen you here before."

She shrugged. "Not my favorite spot."

"What?!" I cried. "I love the library!"

Abby threw her arms out to indicate the whole library. "Too many things to look at. I don't even know where to begin!" she said.

I threw my arms out wider. "But that's what I love about it. You can wander around for hours and always find something new! They have books for every topic!" I took a deep breath, "Now, if you'll excuse me, I am going to go wander."

Abby shook her head in disbelief. "I still don't see what all the fuss is about."

"Well, I do, and I love it," I said. And with that I turned on my heel and walked off into my happy place.

Why I Love My Library

I love my library because they have great employees, great books to choose from for all ages and you can just borrow books and bring them back when you are done with them.

I love my library because they have great employees. One reason the library has great employees is because they are always willing to help you find a certain book that you are interested in. They also organize fun events for everyone to enjoy; for example, the summer reading program. The library workers always tell you about news that is important like events that they will be holding.

I also love my library because they have great books to choose from for all ages. There is a section for every age group. Also, they have a place where you can search a book that will give you the section the book is in. I like that I can place a hold on the link at if the book that I am looking for is checked out or at another library.

My final reason for loving the library is because I don't have to buy the books and can just borrow them and bring them back when I am done. I can have the books as long as I want as long as I renew them and keep them in good condition. It saves me money when I don't have to go to a bookstore and buy a book. Finally, if the book is checked out someone will bring it back soon so I can read it.

To wrap up, I love my library because the library has great employees, great books and I don't have to buy books when I can just borrow them. Thank you Sun Prairie Public Library!

Why I love my public library

The Sun Prairie public library is the best place to go in your free time, there are so many wonderful things to do. You can read awesome books, play with the toys, use the computers, and do other amazing stuff. I like how there are different activities you can do, for example the summer reading program. Their program encourages kids to read more in the summer, the library also has a room With Legos and comfy chairs, and that's a reason to go there more Often. They also can change how your day goes. One day, I Was really bored, then we went to the library, and it changed my totally boring day to an awesome one and really fun day. One thing I really like to do is go inside the LEGO room and Sit on a chair reading a book while my siblings played.

Another thing I really liked to do was play on the computers . One game I remember was about horses, I loved playing that game. The library can help you with stuff at home, for example typing and printing . If you don't have a printer at home you can go to the library and use one. Also if you Don't have a computer at home, you can go to the library and use one. When I was little and was learning how to read, we would go to the library at least once a week, and that helped me a lot. The library is an awesome place, so you should go to the library more often. It helps people with a lot of things, It can help you to, and it can help you get books to learn how to read. The library really is helpful to people in the community. Their books are fun and exciting, and lots of people like that. it can also help you get perfect grades, not only does it help you with reading , but there might be books about science, history social studies, and probably many more things.

By: Aisha Kunjo

Why I Love the Library

By, Violet Larson

There are tons of books in this big house of knowledge,

When I jump in a book,

I find myself lost in a different place,

A whole other time.

eg. ①

Why

I like

the Library

by: MOLLY. Nettestrom

pg. ②

Warem Welcome

evry budy at the
library is so nice. try to get
to now evry budy if you
ask ~~for~~ help they will say
OK rite thise way.
then if you say they yo
they will say yore wicome.
evry budy is kind.

xo + hem

BOOKS

thrsa all difrnt kinds
of books at the libry.
my fevrt kinds of books
is ~~NONFiction~~ thrs all difrt
kinds of books that rae grato.
if thres a kind of book you
do Not like thres
A lot lot more books to read.

pg. ③

Levntse

Now my Fovrt thing
about the Libry is the
evntse. they do
gret gre moves.
drrng the moves there
is watre and pocrn. some times
they have Legos.

Golsry

Libry: a place where you can have fun

Books: a good or bad Book that you read

Golsry: where you can find information

! the libry is gre!

I love my library because

1) The librarians know everything they are kind they also know where everything is and they help us find the books we need and they help us a lot.

2) The library treasury of knowledge
the books in the library are filled with knowledge and there's so many topics to learn about! like birds, rain, continents and other things!

3) Peaceful environment.

The quiet in the library is wonderful because people can study, read and more!
4) lots of books

When I go to the library I find so many book and there are thousands of books to chose from when I go home I go with one full

Bag of books and I
read them all and I
want more!

5) Summer reading

I LOVE the summer reading
program because it has
reading and when you
finish it you get prizes!
and fun passes to do activities
with your family!

6) Story time

I like story time because
it's when you use your
imagination with friends
and have fun laugh
with your friends and
family

Every kid every where
Everything is on the
same floor I like that because
then kids with wheelchairs
and kid that can't walk

and other kids have
access everywhere
anytime like my brother.

8) my brother ==

My brother == has
Hypotonia. Hypotonia is
a medical condition and kids
who have it can't
walk and my
brother when he comes
to the library
he walks a lot
and play and
smiles and laughs
and the library can
make anyone happy!

||



from your happy reader Akshara Pandya
Royal Oaks elementary
2nd grade

I love my library because it makes me feel warm and cozy inside, it also makes me feel special because it has many books that i can relate to and i love books because they take you on an adventure just like my library because you can pick any book you like and when i read a book it takes me to wonderful places, for example when i read Harry Potter i feel like I'm right there with the characters. Libraries are amazing if you want peace and quiet you can go to a library and relax or read a book, i did that once when i had a bad day and after i felt amazing. In libraries you can do almost anything like study or read or think i like to think and i did it at the library and i had a problem that day and then i went to the library and i thought for a little and i fixed my problem. I love my library it is my favorite place ever it makes all of the warm and fuzzy feelings inside of me come alive and that makes me happy. I love my library because the library has nice librarians are nice and helpful and they help me find what I'm looking for in the library and sometimes they help me discover a new book series that i end up really enjoying or i learn from the books they recommend to me. Another thing i love about my library is that i know that its a place were i can be myself and i know that its a safe place were i can go. I love my library so much for many reasons it is the best place i will ever go. That is why i love my library!

By: Eleanor Pleasnick

Why I Love My Library by Connor Reynolds, Age 7

Library, Library I love you

calming and relaxing too.

Flip, flip through pages to pick out a book,
sitting by the tasty fire in a corner or a nook.

Sniff, sniff the pages and the smell of paper and books.

Bubble bubble go the fish, you can take a look if you wish,
Take an adventure, if you dare.

With a book from the library,

you can travel anywhere.

My Library.

By Katelyn Starkenburg

I love my library. I love it because it has so many books and I enjoy going there. I love seeing all the displays by the kid section too.

When I was younger I would always look at the fish, color pictures, and do puzzles. Now that I am older, I love looking at all the different books like graphic novels, books in a series, and non-fiction books about drawing and dogs. I sometimes check out books for my siblings. The events are fun, too. Some of my favorites are the Lego time, Harry Potter day, and Star Wars day. In the summer, I love the Summer Reading Program. You get to read a lot of books and get fun prizes. They have many shows that kids of all ages can go to. When I get older, I will get to go in the teen section and go to teen events.

My library has something for everyone. Younger children can play with toys and do puzzles and attend storytime. There is artwork to look at too. School kids can check out the events, books, CD's, DVD's, audiobooks, computers, and sit by the many places to read and study. Adults can visit the adult section for books, the store out front for a good deal and can sit on the adult porch with a good read. Every place in the library will meet everyone's interest.

My library is the best library ever because it has so many things to offer!



Why I love the Library

I love the library
because it has books

I can read my brother
Calvin and I get new books
from the library each
week. My favorite series are
Thea Stilton, Baby-sitters club,
and graphic novels like Dragons

Beware! The Summer reading
program is fun and challenging
too. The prizes are awesome!
The librarians are nice! I want
to thank them and people who
support the library. Thank you!
-Grace Sweeney Age 6

Poems to books
Playing in nooks
My great library has it all.
I could stay there for minutes
Or hours or even days!
I'd read and read.
My knowledge growing from a seed
I'm in two different places like a made up world
Frozen in a chair but I still explore
I need more, more, more!
By Imani Wilson

