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Awesome Authors

Youth Writing Contest

In-Person Submission Form 2022

ENGLISH

Contest rules and regulations

- **Deadline: Friday, February 25, 2022.**
- Submissions will be accepted until February 25, 2022.
- Open to all youth residing in Ottawa, ages 9 to 18 (must not yet have completed high school).
- Submission by outside residents with a non-resident card (family membership) will be accepted
- There is a limit of one (1) entry per person, per category. The six categories are: short story, poetry, comic, nouvelle, poésie and bande dessinée.

All submissions must:

- include the title of the piece on each page;
- be new, original, previously unpublished work;
- be in French or English.

Please remember:

- **Do not put your name on your work.**
- Include one entry form per submission.
- **Entries will not be returned.**
- All winning entries will be checked for plagiarism. Entries that are plagiarized, previously published or that do not follow guidelines will be disqualified without notice.

How to submit in-person:

- **Please make two copies of your entry (in color for comics), print and complete this form and drop by to submit your entry.**
- Submit your work in person at your local OPL point of service (branch or Bookmobile stop) - **while an employee is present.**
- If you are submitting in French, please use the French version of this form.
- **If you are under the age of 16, permission from a parent/guardian is required to participate.**

How to submit online:

- For online submission, please visit BiblioOttawaLibrary.ca/en/awesome-authors, you will need a **valid OPL card**.

Poems and short stories must be:

- 1000 words or less,
- typed on one side of 8.5" x 11" pages,
- written by a single author.

Comics must be:

- drawn on one of the OPL templates (in order to offer a better printing quality), and drawn on one side of an 8.5" x 11" page, original **OR** created from computer software using 8.5" x 11" format and following the OPL templates, original drawings,
- one to three pages maximum,
- comics written by two co-authors are accepted.

By checking this box, I _____ (Name Author 1) confirm that I have read the rules and submission's guidelines; I understand that if I don't follow them my submission will be rejected.

By checking this box, I _____ (Name Author 2, optional, comic's submission only) confirm that I have read the rules and submission's guidelines; I understand that if I don't follow them my submission will be rejected.

Author 1

First Name: _____ Last name _____ Age _____

Birthday ___/___/___ (y/m/d) Address _____

City: _____ Prov.: _____ Postal Code: _____ Tel.: (____) _____

Email: _____

IMPORTANT: Winners will be notified by email, please use an email inbox that you are monitoring regularly.

School (optional): _____

TYPE of entry (please check box): Short Story Poem Comic

TITLE of poem or short story or comic: _____

How did you hear about the contest? (please check box) Library website Library employees

Social media Poster or bookmark Teacher/School Advertising (Mac Kids, etc.)

Other (please specify): _____

Author 2 (Optional, Comic's submission only)

First Name: _____ Last name _____ Age _____

Birthday ___/___/___ (y/m/d) Address _____

City: _____ Prov.: _____ Postal Code: _____ Tel.: (____) _____

Email: _____

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School (optional): _____

I give permission to the Ottawa Public Library to take and use photographs pertaining to the Awesome Authors program, in which I may appear, and which may be used to promote this and similar, future programs.

Author 1 YES NO / **Author 2** YES NO

I give permission for my name to be released to the media and used for OPL publications and promotional purposes.

Author 1 YES NO / **Author 2** YES NO

The Ottawa Public Library reserves the right to display entries and to publish them at a later date. All other rights remain with the author.

Entrant: Please sign on the line below. A parent or guardian's signature is required If you are under the age of 16.

Author 1

Signature: _____ Caregiver/Parent's name: _____

Date: ___/___/___ Caregiver/Parent's Email: _____

IMPORTANT: Winners will be notified by email, please use an email inbox that you are monitoring regularly.

Author 2 (Optional, Comic's submission only)

Signature: _____ Caregiver/Parent's name: _____

Date: ___/___/___ Caregiver/Parent's Email: _____

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