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# Awesome Authors

## Youth Writing contest

### In-Person Submission Form 2024

#### ENGLISH

#### Contest rules and regulations

- **Deadline: Friday, February 23, 2024, 11:59 pm.**
- Submissions will be accepted until February 23, 2024, 11:59 pm.
- Open to all youth residing in Ottawa, ages 9 to 18 (must not yet have completed high school) with a valid OPL library card.
- 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 seven categories are: short story, poetry, comic, nouvelle, poésie, bande dessinée and book cover.

#### 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- be new, original, previously unpublished work;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](https://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.

#### Book cover must be:

- drawn or digitally created to fill an 8.5"x 11" page,
- include the book's title: port-pourri 2024,
- designed by a single illustrator.

☐ 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.: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Ottawa Public Library card number: \_\_\_\_\_

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      Book Cover

**TITLE** of poem or short story or comic: \_\_\_\_\_

Author 2 (Optional, Comic’s submission only)

First Name:\_\_\_\_\_ Last name\_\_\_\_\_ Age\_\_\_\_\_

Birthday\_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_(y/m/d)Address\_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Prov.: \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Tel.: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Ottawa Public Library card number: \_\_\_\_\_

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:\_\_\_\_\_

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Author 2 (Optional, Comic’s submission only)

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Caregiver/Parent’s name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date:\_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_ Caregiver/Parent’s Email:\_\_\_\_\_

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