

Siouxland Libraries invites teens to submit a short story for its Teen Writing Contest. "A Thanksgiving Celebration" should describe the experiences and events of a Thanksgiving Day celebration, based on a real experience, fiction, or blend of both.

Rules:

1. Open to 6th- to 12th-graders
2. Stories must be rated "G" or "PG"
3. 100 to 500 words in length

First-, second- and third-place winners will be selected from two age groups — 6th-8th grade; 9th-12th grade — based on the following criteria:

1. Plot,
2. Characters,
3. Use of language,
2. Grammar/syntax,
3. Adherence to rules.

Prizes will be awarded to all winners, and their stories will be posted on Siouxland Libraries' website and Facebook page, as well as displayed in the teen section of the Caille Branch Library.

Submissions open November 1 and will be accepted through November 30; the attached entry form must be included. Stories and entry forms can be submitted in person at any Siouxland Libraries branch or emailed to caillelibrary@siouxfalls.org with the subject line "Teen Writing Contest." Winners will be contacted in advance of a public announcement on Siouxland Libraries' website and Facebook page on Monday, December 11.

2017 Siouxland Libraries Teen Writing Contest Entry Form

Name: _____

Grade: _____ Age: _____

School: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Contact preference: Phone or Email (please circle one or both)

By signing below, I understand that:

- Submission of a story grants Siouxland Libraries the right to publish it on its website and Facebook page, as well as display the story at Caille Branch Library for the month of December.
- Submissions will not be returned to the author after the contest.
- Submissions must be original stories, and any form of plagiarism will result in immediate disqualification.

Signature: _____

Parent/Guardian name: _____

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