

# CREATIVE

# Writing Contest

presented by the Friends of the Library

## TOPIC:

Imagine a giant box is delivered to your front door with your name on it. What's inside the box and what happens when you open it?

The last paragraph of the story **MUST** contain this exact phrase:

"Who knew this would transform my life forever."

The story must contain these six words anywhere, but exactly as given (for example "wrinkle" but not "wrinkled"):

abruptly   stunned   goosebumps  
companion   squash   travel

## CONTEST GUIDELINES

- Grades 3-5 - 400 word minimum, 700 word maximum
- Grades 6-12 - 1,000 word minimum, 1,200 word maximum

**Do not place student's name on any page of story.**

- Provide one copy of entry with entry form on top.
- All entries must be typed in 12 point type using Times New Roman or Courier New and double spaced.
- Place title on top of first page - no title page needed.
- Number each page.

**Any entry not containing the above phrase and all six words, underlined for easy identification, will be disqualified.**



# 2018 Creative Writing Contest

Student Entry Form - Please type or print clearly

GRADE (Circle Category):    3       4       5       6       7       8       9 - 10    11 - 12

STUDENT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

HOME ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY/ST/ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_ HOME PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

SCHOOL NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

TEACHER NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

Entry contains: \_\_\_\_\_ words                      Number of pages: \_\_\_\_\_

Follow the directions below and then check each box:

I have provided one copy of my story with an entry form attached.

My story is typed in a 12 point font (no script) and double-spaced.

Required phrase and all six required words are underlined.

Each page is numbered in the top right-hand corner.

Title is at the top of the first page and no title page is attached.

My name is not on any page of my story.

STORY TITLE: \_\_\_\_\_

**Entries that do not adhere to all guidelines will be disqualified.** No entries will be returned.

I understand that plagiarism is punishable by law. I certify this entry is my original work.

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

## Entries Due: Friday, Nov. 2

**Mail to:** Rawlings Library, Attn: Community Relations,  
100 E. Abriendo Ave., Pueblo, CO 81004

**Email to:** gloria.madrill@pueblolibrary.org.

**Drop off at any library location.**



**Judging:** Entries will be judged by the Friends of the Library. All entries will receive a certificate of participation.

**First , second & third place prizes:** Gift certificate to Books Again, the Friends of the Library used bookstore, a Certificate of Merit, and a booklet with all of the winning stories.

**Awards ceremony:** Wednesday, Dec. 12 at 7 p.m. at Rawlings Library, Ryals room - 4th floor, 100 E. Abriendo Ave.

For more information, contact sara.schwartz@pueblolibrary.org or 553-0220. Auxiliary aides and interpreter services are available, with a one-week notice, to individuals with disabilities by calling 553-0227.