

Write an Amazing Circus Adventure

The Friends of the Pueblo City-County Library District invite students in grades 3-12 to enter a short-story writing contest.



Topic: Write a story about your dream day at the circus.

The last paragraph of the story must contain this exact phrase: "The audience cheered with excitement!"

Each story must contain the following words anywhere in the story exactly as given (for example "wrinkle" but not "wrinkled"):

performer
oditty

thrill
dazzling

applause
costume

Entries Due: Friday, Oct. 28.

Mail to: Rawlings Library, Attn: Sara Schwartz,
100 E. Abriendo Ave., Pueblo, CO 81004

Email to: sara.schwartz@pueblolibrary.org

Drop off at any library location.

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.

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. 14 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.

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2016 Youth 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: _____

