



Write an animal adventure story



2013 Youth Creative Writing Contest for students in grades 3-12

The Friends of the Pueblo City-County Library District invite students in grades 3-12 to enter an animal adventure short-story writing contest. Entries will be judged in the following categories: grade 3, grade 4, grade 5, grade 6, grade 7, grade 8, grades 9-10, and grades 11-12. For more information, please email contest@pueblolibrary.org.



Who is your favorite animal? Write an adventure story starring your favorite animal! Your animal can be real, fictional or historic.

Each entry must comply with these guidelines:

The last paragraph of the story must contain this exact phrase: "Some animals are extraordinary."

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

friend

clever

ascend



tricks

saved

quickly

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



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 in top right-hand corner.

Judging: Entries will be submitted to the Friends of the Pueblo City-County Library District. First, second, and third places will be awarded in each category. All entrants will be recognized.

First, second & third place prizes: Gift certificate to Books Again, the Friends of the Library used book store, Certificate of Merit, and story printed in a booklet. All winners will be honored at a special ceremony on Thursday, Dec. 5, 2013. Auxiliary aides and interpreter services are available, with a one-week notice, to individuals with disabilities by calling 553-0227.

Entry Due Date: Entries are due on Friday, Nov. 1, 2013. Winners will be notified in November and invited to the special awards ceremony.

Mail or deliver entries to: c/o Friends of the Library, Youth Writing Contest, 100 E. Abriendo Ave., Pueblo, CO 81004 or email susan.wolf@pueblolibrary.org.

For more information, please contact Susan Wolf at 553-0220.

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Student Entry Form - Please type or print clearly

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

STUDENT NAME: _____ AGE: _____

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: _____

