



Short Story Contest

Guidelines

This contest is open to the following participants:

1. TEENS: junior high and high school students (grades 7 to 12) living within the city of Arlington and students who live outside the city but attend an Arlington school
2. ADULTS: living within the city of Arlington and students who live outside the city but attend UT Arlington or Tarrant County College

This year, the One Book, One Arlington project focuses on Jim Dent's book, *Twelve Mighty Orphans*, which chronicles the history of the Mighty Mites high school football team from their early twentieth-century origins within a Freemason orphan-and-widow home to their prestigious state-champion competitions. In keeping with the sports theme, short stories entered into the contest should address the following topic: **Sports: A Life Changing Experience.**

The winning entries will be published on the Library's web site.

Contest begins: October 1, 2009 - Entry Deadline: November 6, 2009

Rules:

1. One entry per person may be entered in the contest.
2. Short stories should be works of fiction, directed toward a general audience of all ages and should adhere to the contest theme stated above.
3. Short stories should be no longer than 1000 words, not including the cover sheet.
4. Entrants must live within the City of Arlington or attend an Arlington school in order to enter the contest.
5. Short stories must be original, not previously published.
6. Submitted short stories must be typed and include a cover sheet containing the entrant's name, parent/guardian's name (if under 18), address, phone number, email address, and school and grade level (if applicable). The author's name should not appear on any page beyond the cover sheet. The title of the short story, but NOT the author's name should appear at the top of the first page of the short story. Pages should be numbered consecutively.
7. Entries may be submitted in one of the following ways:
 - a. Hand-delivered to any Arlington Public Library location
 - b. Emailed as a Microsoft Word attachment to: Events@pub-lib.ci.arlington.tx.us
 - c. Mailed to the following address: Arlington Public Library, ATTN: Short Story Contest, 101 East Abram Street, Arlington, Texas 76010
7. Entries must be received by 6 p.m. on Friday, November 6, 2009.
8. Short stories will be judged by a panel of judges and the decision of the panel is final. Short stories will be judged on originality, writing style, organization, ideas, quality of work and adherence to the spirit of the contest and to contest rules.
9. Submissions will not be returned or acknowledged. **Entry in the contest constitutes permission to use the submitted short story and the name and identity of the participant.**

Prize:

Category 1 - TEENS - \$100

Category 2 - ADULTS - \$100

The prizes will be presented to the winners at 6:30 p.m. at *An Evening with Jim Dent* at the Dallas Cowboys' stadium on November 13. Admission to the event for each winner and his/her guest will be complimentary.

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