

BUILD A BETTER LIBRARY DESIGN CONTESTS

Contest 2: Story

Goal: Write a story about the best library on the Eastern Shore. What would it look like? Who would visit it? What would be in it? What could you do there?

Contest Rules & Guidelines



1. Pre-registration required. Call (757) 787-3400, stop by the library, or email youthservices@espl.lib.va.us. Please provide your name, grade, school, address and phone number.
2. There is no fee to enter the contest and youth can enter both contests.
3. Contestants can enter up to two stories in this contest. Stories can be co-authored.
4. Contestants must be residents of Accomack or Northampton Counties.
5. Entries must be previously unpublished.
6. Your submission must be a fiction or non-fiction short story, NOT an essay. Short stories have plot, characters, setting, and dialogue.
7. Electronic submissions in Microsoft Word and hard copies will be accepted.
8. Submissions must be double-spaced and typed in 12-point font or handwritten on standard lined 8-1/2 x 11" paper.
9. Please give your story a title.
10. Number the pages.
11. Illustrations can be included.
12. Include a cover page with story title, contestant's name, phone number, mailing address, grade, and school. Do NOT put your name on the story pages, so that it can be judged anonymously.
13. Submissions will be judged on creativity and readability.
14. Prizes will be awarded in three categories: Grades 1-3, Grades 4-6, and Grades 7-12.
15. A panel of judges will determine the winners. The judges' decisions are final.
16. Stories will become the property of the Eastern Shore Public Library which reserves the right to publish the articles on its website or in print and may be included in a book for fundraising purposes.
17. Family members of ESPL staff, including Board Members, are ineligible to win.
18. Check-in for the contest is from **10:00 a.m. to noon on April 22, 2017** at a location to be announced. Judging will start promptly at noon.
19. We look forward to reading your story!

Questions? Call Eastern Shore Public Library at (757) 787-3400 or email youthservices@espl.lib.va.us.