

18th Annual
2024 Celebrate the Arts

WRITING CONTEST

Writers! Use your imagination and share your creativity in this contest for all ages.
Enter your personal writing, your child's or your student's. Become a published author!
See your writing in a library book! Win great prizes!

POINTERS FOR WRITERS

- Any genre (short story, poem, comic strip, etc.) and on any topic. Each entry must have a title. Artwork may be submitted paired with your written work only and must be 8.5x11 inches or smaller.
- Up to 800 words per author. If more than one entry is submitted, the total may not exceed 800 words.
- Wording and theme must be appropriate for all ages.
- Entries must include: Author's Name, Address, Email, Phone, Social Media Handle (if desired) and Grade/Age Category: Grades K-2 | Grades 3-5 | Grades 6-8 | Grades 9-12 | Adults over age 18
- Teachers are asked to provide student contact information when possible.
- Submit writing as a Microsoft Word or Google doc, 8.5" x 11" portrait and 10-point font size.
- No out-of-state entries, please. Writers affiliated with the Arts Council or the Library are not eligible for judging, but may submit work for publication in the Writing Contest book.

BECOME AN HONORED WRITER

- All entries will be published in a professionally bound book for purchase. Artwork will be printed in black & white. The Arts Council reserves the right to exclude any entry from the Writing Contest book.
- Awards will be presented at a reception to honor writers and families on Sunday, April 21.
- First place winners in each grade/age category will have their photo and writing published on the Arts Council's website.

PRIZES

- Winners will be announced the first week in April. The 1st, 2nd, 3rd place and Honorable Mention prizes for each grade/age category include Book and Squishmallow Gift Baskets, Admission or Membership to Columbus Museum of Art, \$25 Gift Certificates to the Friends of the Library Gift Shop, and Writing Gifts including Pens, Journals and Idea Books. In addition, each winner will receive a complimentary copy of the Writing Contest book provided by the Friends of the Library.

HOW TO ENTER

- **Preferred:** Submit your writing to artscouncilwesterville@gmail.com
- **OR** mail to Westerville Public Library, Attn: Writing Contest, 126 S. State St., Westerville, OH 43081
- **OR** stop by the Westerville Public Library to drop off at the desk in the children's area.

Deadline: Friday, March 1, 2024

Questions? Email artscouncilwesterville@gmail.com or call the Westerville Public Library at 614-882-7277 ext. 2295.

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