

Write2Xpress

Contest for
Teens 2011

Official Entry Form

Between September 12 and October 24, submit an original short story, poem or graphic novel based on your interpretation of the image to the right for your chance to win! (See back for details.)



Name: _____

Address: _____

Home Phone #: _____ Email Address: _____

Grade for 2011-2012: _____ School: _____

Please Note: One entry form must be completed for each entry. (Please attach your entry to this form)

Title of Work: _____

Is this entry a Short Story, Poem, or Graphic Novel? _____

How did you find out about this contest? Newspaper School Poster Brochure

Library Guide Other (please specify): _____

Do you have a library card? (Circle One) Yes No Not Sure

Note to Teachers - If you are submitting on behalf of your students, each work must be accompanied by a completed official ENTRY FORM.

Teacher (Name & School): _____

For Staff Use Only:

Date: _____ Receiving Branch: _____ #11 – _____

- All submissions must be the original work of the entrant and not have been published previously. Entries may not be works that have been submitted for a grade in school.
- Entrants must be in grades 7-12 and reside in Oakville or attend an Oakville school.
- Entrants may submit a maximum of one short story, one graphic novel and one poem. All entries must be based on the photograph used in the Library's promotional literature for this contest. Short stories should be no longer than 1500 words in length. Graphic novels must be 6 pages minimum. Poems should be no longer than 25 lines.
- All entries must be submitted single-sided on an 8 ½" x 11" white paper. Short stories must be typed and double-spaced. **All pages must be numbered. Title must be on first page of work only. Do not include title pages.**
- Attach a completed official entry form to each submission. Do not put your name anywhere on your work as entries will be judged anonymously. Submit your original story(ies,) graphic novel(s) and/or poem(s) to any Oakville Public Library location or by mail to: **Write2Xpress Contest, Attention: Elise C. Cole, Oakville Public Library, 120 Navy Street, Oakville ON, L6J 2Z4** before or on Mon, Oct 24, 2011 no later than 11:59pm. You may also send electronic entries to ecole@oakville.ca with a subject line indicating i.e., Poetry grade 7 & 8. Each email will include two attachments, a completed entry form and the attached story, graphic novel or poem. A reply confirmation will be sent for each entry that is received by email.
- **Decisions of the judges are final.**
- By entering this contest, you are giving permission to use your name and/or image for promotion purposes, including the library website. Winning entries may be published on the Oakville Public Library Teen Site (www.opl.on.ca/teens) or in any other format as decided by the Library.
- **Contest Categories:** There are three age categories: Grades 7 & 8, Grades 9 & 10 and Grades 11 & 12. There will be a first, second and third prize winner for each category for short stories. We reserve the right to award prizes or Honourable Mentions in the graphic novel and poetry categories based on the numbers of entries received. All entrants will receive a certificate of participation.
- Contest not open to Oakville Public Library staff, volunteers and/or their immediate family members.
- **1st place prizes** are a \$100 gift certificate for the Oakville Place Mall.
2nd place prizes are a \$50 gift certificate for the Oakville Place Mall.
3rd place prizes and **Honourable Mentions** are a \$25 gift certificate for the Oakville Place Mall.
- Gift certificates may be used at any retail store located at the Oakville Place Mall.

Submission Checklist

- Is there a completed entry form attached to each submission?
- Is each page of your entry numbered?
- Is your entry typed, double spaced, and single-sided?
- Is your name on the official entry form only? Your entry must not include your name anywhere except on the official entry form.
- Have reviewed the rules and regulations carefully.