Friends of the Library
Creative Writing Contest for Students in Grades 6-12

Show off your writing – submit your original poem, essay, or story to the Friends of the Library Writing Contest!!!!!

CONTEST RULES

- Open to all Mobile County high school and middle school students (public, private and home schooled) grades 6-12.

- Entries are invited in three categories: poetry, short story, and essay. Middle School and High School students will be judged separately. Prizes will be awarded to Middle School and High School students as follows: **First Place ($100), Second Place ($50) and Third Place ($25) place. Honorable mentions may be awarded in each category. Students may submit *one entry per category*. There will be a Middle School Award and a High School Award for each place.**

- All entries must be typed. Each entry should include a separate title page that only has the title, student name, grade, teacher and school. **The first page of the actual writing composition should also include the title of the piece, but no personal information**.

- All winning submissions will be uploaded to the Friends of the Mobile Public Library website.

- *Students may also submit their work to the Mobile Literacy Council for inclusion in the 2018 Teen Magazine which will be available at the Mobile Literacy Festival.*

- Length: Poems should be no longer than two pages; essays should be between 500-1500 words; and short stories may be up to 10 pages (using a 10 pt. type or larger). Writing will be judged on originality and content, not on length.

- Subject: Subject and theme are open for all categories.

- **Email deadline is January 25, 2019. Students or teachers may email submissions to the contest. Submissions should be emailed to gillespiee@bellsouth.net**

- Awards will be announced at the Mobile Literacy Festival in March. Students, friends and family are encouraged to attend this wonderful event. Teachers who have students submitting work will be also be recognized.

- Questions: Contact Elizabeth Gillespie
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