

26th Annual Betty Field Memorial Youth Writing Contest (2019)

Funded by the Friends the Rockrimmon Library and Sponsored by the Friends of the Pikes Peak Library District

The Friends of PPLD invites all public, private, and home school students in grades 6 through 12 in El Paso County, Colorado or in areas served by the Pikes Peak Library District to enter our mystery story writing contest. **The mystery story entries will be judged in these five grade categories:**

6th Grade

7th Grade

8th Grade

9th -10th Grades

11th -12th Grades

ALL ENTRIES MUST COMPLY WITH THESE CONTEST RULES:

1. This story must be a mystery story.
2. The **FIRST** paragraph of the mystery story must contain a sentence using this exact phrase and is in bold and underlined: **who would think that it would matter**
3. The mystery story must contain these SIX words (or a version thereof) anywhere in the story. Each required word must be in bold and underlined:

cantankerous

complicit

enigmatic

petrified

superstition

unique

4. Your story must be no fewer than 1000 words and no more than 1200 words (excluding story title).
5. You must follow these instructions:
 - Do NOT put your name, school, or any identification on any page of the story.
 - Your story is typed in 12-point Arial and double-spaced. Do NOT print front to back.
 - Start the story with the title halfway down the first page. Do NOT include a title page or art work.
 - Number each page in the upper right-hand corner (1 of 4, 2 of 4, et cetera) and add the first three words of your title below the page numbers.
 - **You** (the student), **one** parent/guardian, and your **teacher/mentor** must sign your **Student** Entry Form.
 - Using ONE staple, staple together, in the upper left-hand corner, TWO copies of your story and ONE Student Entry Form. Your teacher's **School** Entry Form must accompany your **Student** Entry Form.

JUDGING and PRIZES:

The Friends of PPLD will select the judges to perform the final judging. The judging is performed "blind."

The following prizes will be awarded in **each grade category**:

First Place Story: \$100 and publication in the 2019 Writing Contest Booklet
Second Place Story: \$50
Third Place Story: \$25

Prizes will be presented **April 6, 2019** at the **AWARDS & RECOGNITION PROGRAM**, East Library, 5550 North Union Boulevard, Colorado Springs CO. The program begins at 11:00 AM and is open to the public. The **WRITERS WORKSHOP** is open to all students who entered the contest and will be held one hour prior to the Awards & Recognition Program.

All entries must be RECEIVED by:
5:00 PM - FEBRUARY 23, 2019

Winners will be notified no later than March 10, 2019

CONTACT:
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Mail or hand-deliver your entries to:

HOOKED ON BOOKS

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Hand-delivered entries will be accepted
Monday–Saturday: 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM