

Teen Short Story Writing Contest 2025

Baldwin Public Library

Entries accepted July 1 through August 31

www.baldwinlib.org/teen

“A short story must have a single mood and every sentence must build towards it.” – Edgar Allan Poe

Stories will be judged in three different categories: grades 7-8, 9-10, and 11-12.

Your grade is whatever you’re going into in the fall.

A \$50 Amazon gift card will be awarded to one writer in each grade category.

General Guidelines

- Writers may submit one story
- Stories must be written by you and you alone
- Writers must be in grades 7-12
- Previously submitted or published stories will not be accepted
- Story must be 200 words or less
- [See this story as an example](#)
 - Disclaimer: This story is appropriate for teens, but BPL has not read all of the stories on this website, so read at your own risk.

Submitting Your Story

1. Write your story in any word processing program
2. Go to <http://www.baldwinlib.org/teen>
3. Fill out the submission form. Copy and paste your story into the text box.
4. Submit your story!
5. Writers will receive a confirmation upon submission.

Please send contest-related questions to teen@baldwinlib.org

We cannot switch versions of your story if you’ve changed something after submission. Unless specified upon submission, all accepted stories will be published on the library website after the contest.

This writing contest is sponsored by the Friends of the Baldwin Public Library.