

Centre County Library & Historical Museum Locations

Bellefonte
Centre County Library
200 N. Allegheny St
Bellefonte, PA 16823
(814) 355-1516

Centre Hall
Centre Hall Area Branch Library
109 Beryl St
(814) 364-2580

Philipsburg
Holt Memorial Library
17 N Front St
(814) 342-1987

Centre County Library Bookmobile
(814) 355-1516

39th Annual Young Author and Illustrator Contest



For Writers and Illustrators in
First through Sixth Grade



www.centrecountylibrary.org

What is the Young Author and Illustrator Contest?

First through Sixth graders in Centre County may submit stories of their own creation to the Young Author and Illustrator Contest.

Entries are read and judged by community leaders and Library youth services staff. Each grade, First through Sixth, are judged against all other participants in that grade level. Stories are selected based on originality, creativity, content, grammar, punctuation, completion, and spelling.

Three winners and two honorable mentions from each grade level will be chosen, and the 1st place winning stories will be bound as a hardback book, which will stay in the Library's permanent collection!

All placing stories are eligible to be purchased as a hardbound book for your personal library at the cost of \$22.00 per book. You will receive information about this in an email notice once the judging is complete and winners are selected.

Official guidelines and rules are available on the Library's website:
www.centrecountylibrary.org

Guideline Checklist

All entries must follow the guidelines below; please use the checklist to be sure that your story is ready to be submitted. Official contest rules and guidelines are also located on the Library's website:
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- Did you attach the official Library cover sheet with your name, phone number, address, grade, teacher, and school? Your story will not be included in the competition without the cover sheet.
- Is your story on 8.5 x 11 inch (or smaller) paper, portrait style, and one-sided printing? No folded books and No Double Sided Printing.
- Did you leave 1.5 inch margins on all pages? **(important for binding purposes)**
- Are your pages numbered?
- If you have illustrations, are they drawn by hand directly on the paper? **(no tape or glue)** Illustrations must be originals, no copyrighted images or names.
- Did you use a paperclip to hold your book together? **(no staples, binders, folders or lamination)**
- Did you check your spelling and grammar?

You may drop your story off at any Centre County Library & Historical Museum location, or you may digitally submit your story to: youngauthor@centrecountylibrary.org or you may mail it to:
Centre County Library
200 N. Allegheny St. Bellefonte, PA 16823

All stories must be at a library location by the end of the day on **April 1st, 2024** to be included in the competition.

If partnering with one other student, to create an entry, one student must be the Author while the other must be the Illustrator. The Author and the Illustrator must be in the same grade but can attend different schools. Entries created by more than two students will not be accepted into the competition. Entries that do not follow the guidelines will not be eligible to place in the competition.

By participating, you are agreeing to be recognized by name in library publicity and any further media.