



# CONTEST DETAILS

Please read the rules, requirements, and specific criteria for short story, poem, and other.

## General Rules

Entrants must be a Beaumont or County of Leduc resident.

Work must be original and not have been published in print or online.

You may submit only one entry per category. If you submit more than one in the same category, we will accept the first submission and disqualify the others.

Entries are judged anonymously; do not put your name anywhere on your work. Your name will be on the entry form only.

By entering the contest, you consent to having your name and work published in print and online Bibliotheque de Beaumont Library promotional material, such as our website and social media. A parent or guardian will need to sign a consent form.

You can address mature themes, but we reserve the right to decide if overly explicit situations or gratuitous violence are not suitable for either age category.

We recognize that in some cases ChatGPT/AI can be useful when writing. You must be transparent about using AI and acknowledge how and when you used AI in your submission: "I used AI recommendations to revise my wording when editing."

All winning entries will be reviewed for plagiarism. Previous school assignments are accepted.

Prizes are non-transferrable and non-exchangeable.

## Entry Criteria

**Age Categories: Youth (ages 10-13) and Young Adult (ages 14-17)**

All entries need a title and numbered pages.

### **Short Story/Creative Non-Fiction:**

- up to 2,000 words, 12-point font
- Must be submitted electronically in .doc, docx. or .pdf format,
- No illustrations or drawings are allowed in the short story category.

### **Poem:**

- up to 36 lines, 12-point font
- any form allowed (sonnet, ode, haiku, etc),
- Must be submitted electronically in .doc, docx. or .pdf format,
- No illustrations or drawings are allowed in the poems category.

### **Other:**

- Examples include comics, a play, a screenplay, song lyrics, picture book, etc.
- up to 2000 words,12-point font
- Images must be original (no clip art)
- Maximum 8 pages for comics
- Can be with or without words, in black & white or colour,
- Can be hand drawn or digital

If you need help creating a digital copy of your work, please ask library staff for assistance using a library computer.