

Adventures in Writing

A Short Story Contest for Kids

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Attention young authors ages 8-12! Here's a chance to create your very own characters by writing your own fantastic story. Use your imagination. Maybe you'll even want to star in your own story!

Theme: *Nobody's Perfect.*

Prizes:

All finalists will have their stories copied, illustrated and bound into a book. One copy of the book will be placed on the shelves of each of the 33 Library branches. Each finalist will receive a copy of the book and a certificate to show that his or her story has been published and placed in the library. Each finalist's school will also get a copy of the book. Additional copies for family and friends will be available through Irvine Barclay Theatre for \$15.

Eligibility: Open to girls and boys, ages 8 to 12, who are residents of Orange County. Previous finalists are ineligible.

Content: Write a story in which the main character's (or characters) life takes an unexpected turn and perhaps learns a valuable lesson. Each writer should apply the various creative aspects found in literature (for example: character, plot, setting, rising action, conflict, resolution...) Each story should be in English and include a title.

Winners will be notified by March 15, 2010.

Length: Two to five typed pages (legible printing is acceptable). The story must be double-spaced on plain white paper (one side only) or printed neatly on lined 8 1/2 x 11 paper (one side only).

A book signing and reception will be held to honor the finalists in May of 2010. At that time, the young authors may read aloud an excerpt from their story.

Deadline: The contest will run from November 2, 2009 - January 29, 2010. All entries must be submitted by email to: storycontest@thebarclay.org or turned in at one of OC Public Libraries' 33 branches by closing on **January 29, 2010.**

For more information please contact:

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All entries should have a completed entry form attached and include name, address, phone number, age, grade, and school.

** All entries become the property of the OC Public Libraries and Irvine Barclay Theatre**

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Adventures in Writing Short Story Contest for Kids - Entry Form

deadline: January 29, 2010

Name _____

Age _____ Grade _____

Address _____

School _____

City _____

Teacher _____

State _____ Zipcode _____

OCPL Library Branch _____

Email _____

Story Title _____

Phone (____) _____

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