

# Guidelines

# Teen Fan Fiction Contest

Unleash your imagination and showcase your creative writing skills this November by entering our Teen Fan Fiction Contest. Submit an original story — 3,000 words or fewer — that features your favorite characters or re-imagines part of a book.

## Submissions

Writers are encouraged to submit an original piece of fan fiction from November 2–30. Submissions will be judged in the following age categories:

- › Teens ages 12–14
- › Teens ages 15–18

## Guidelines

1. Writers must be between the ages of 12–18 and reside in Minnesota.
2. Writers are not required to live in Dakota County or have a library card from Dakota County Library.
3. Submitted works must be:
  - a. Original, complete works authored by a single person. Judges will not read additional content in order to gain context to your story, so make sure it has a beginning and an end.
  - b. 3,000 words or fewer in length.
  - c. Written with a general audience in mind.
  - d. Submitted in English, or submitted along with an English translation.
4. One entry per person.
5. Submitted works will not be returned after the contest.
6. Submitted works without entry forms will not be considered for prizes.
7. Do not put your name on any page other than the entry form.
8. Dakota County Library staff and immediate family are not eligible to enter.

Entries may be emailed to [Sadiq.Ahmed@co.dakota.mn.us](mailto:Sadiq.Ahmed@co.dakota.mn.us) **by 11:59 pm on Monday, November 30** or dropped off at any Dakota County Library location or South St. Paul Library during library hours by Monday, November 30.

Winning writers will be announced by the end of December 2020, and their work will be published on the Dakota County Library website. The top three stories in each age category will be awarded prizes. Winning writers must pick up their prizes at their local Dakota County Library within 30 days of notification.

The Fan Fiction Contest is supported by the Dakota County Library Foundation.

For more information, email [sadiq.ahmed@co.dakota.mn.us](mailto:sadiq.ahmed@co.dakota.mn.us) or call 651-450-2942.



# Entry Form

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Name

Address

City, State, Zip

Phone Number

Email (optional)

Title of submission

Fandom(s) explored

Age Group *Check one.*

☐ Teens 12-14    ☐ Teens 15-18

Preferred Dakota  
County Library location

*If selected as a contest winner, your  
prize will be sent to this library.*

☐ Burnhaven    ☐ Inver Glen    ☐ South St. Paul  
☐ Farmington    ☐ Pleasant    ☐ Wentworth  
☐ Galaxie    ☐ Robert Trail    ☐ Wescott

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*I certify that the story is my original work, or the original work of my child(ren). I release this story for publication in print and on the Library web page. I understand that Dakota County does not control third-party use of the story after it is published. I understand that allowing Dakota County to publish my story is completely voluntary and that I am under no obligation to provide this consent. I understand I will not be paid for the publication. I understand that I am authorizing the release of information that may be classified as private data under the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act, Minn. Stat. ch. 13, which could not be shared without my consent. By signing below, I release Dakota County and its officers, employees, and agents from any liability from the publication or distribution of the story.*

Writer Signature

Printed Name

Parent or Guardian *(Required if writer is under age 18)*

Signature

Printed Name

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