

# Manlius Library WriterContest

We are looking for creative writers to join the Manlius Library WriterContest! Interested writers are invited to submit a short story for consideration. Adults and Teens are eligible to win a basket of goodies, including a B&N gift card! All entries will receive a certificate of participation. Join us for the Manlius Library WriterCon on Saturday, November 16<sup>th</sup> to find out who won!

Entries will be judged by Manlius community members.

Work will be judged on the following categories:

- Originality
- Plot
- Audience appeal
- Entertainment quality
- Setting and Atmosphere
- Characterization
- Point of View
- Clarity, voice
- Writing Craft
- Grammar and Mechanics

Submissions will be accepted from **September 15<sup>th</sup> – October 13<sup>th</sup>**.

Please note the following guidelines:

- Entries from teens in grades 6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> may not exceed 1500 words (excluding the title).
- Entries from adults 18 and older may not exceed 2000 words (excluding the title).
- Stories over the word limit will be disqualified.
- Limit one short story per person.
- Work must be original, unpublished and written in English.
- Do not include any personal information within the document itself.
- Please keep content appropriate for a wide audience, no explicit sex or violence.
- Participants must use the following prompts to get started.

**Teens:** You are in your backyard, raking leaves on a Fall morning with your friend. The two of you pile the leaves into a single large pile. Your friend leaps into the leaf pile and disappears! Not knowing what else to do, you jump into the pile after your friend. Write a story about your adventure.

**Adults:** I never should have agreed to it.

All entries must be typed and submitted using the form on our Biblioboard portal. To learn more about Biblioboard, visit <https://manlius.librariesshare.com/writercontest/> or ask a librarian for help. Once submitted, stories will become the property of Manlius Library and may be used on our website, social media or otherwise made available to library patrons.