Flash Fiction Writing Contest!

What is this? The Library is celebrating Writing Month by offering a writing contest to our patrons. We proudly support local authors and building up the next generation of writers.

Who is this for? We want to include as many patrons as possible so we will have separate categories for K-5th grade, 6th-12th grade, and adult.

Who is judging the entries? We have partnered with the Lost State Writer's Guild to judge the adult and teen categories. Library staff will judge the children's category. All judges will have a rubric to follow and pieces will be judged based on alignment with the prompt, creativity, clarity, and style.

What are the prizes? The adult grand prize is a tablet with a keyboard, the teen grand prize is a prize bundle from local bookstore Haven Booksellers, and the children's grand prize is a set of brand new school supplies. Every entry will be featured in a collection that will be publicly available for viewing in the library.

Children Grades K-5

Prompt: Describe a fall scene or activity.

Guidelines for Submission:

- Entry must be between 100 and 300 words typed or roughly two to three pages hand written.
- If typed, text should be in a standard font such as arial, calibri, or times new roman and no less than size 12. If hand written, words should be neat and clear. Submissions that the judges cannot read will be disqualified.
- Include title of your piece, name, and age at the top left side of the first page.
- Entries created using generative AI will be disqualified

How to Enter:

- If typed:
  - Email your entry to youthserviceslibrary@kingsporttn.gov
  - In the subject line please put "Writing Contest Entry for *Your Name*"
  - Attach your file as a PDF or DOC, please do not put your entry in the body of the email
- If handwritten:
  - Turn in at our youth services desk with your contact information