



The Plainfield Public Library
is proud to announce the annual
Short Story Contest
for Grades 4-6

2020 Rules and Guidelines

These are the rules you must follow:

1. The writing contest is open to anyone in 4th, 5th or 6th grade and begins on December 16, 2019.
2. Story length is to be 500-650 words long and be text only.
3. Include a title, as well as your name, grade, the school you attend and your parents' phone number.
4. Submissions must be a Word document.
5. Submit your entry **via e-mail** to jnelson@plainfieldpubliclibrary.org by **11:59pm on January 31, 2020**.
6. This is your story and it can be humor, mystery, fantasy, science fiction or anything you want, but it **MUST BE YOUR OWN CREATION**.
7. Be sure to proofread your work and check for correct spelling and grammar.
8. Contact Ms Jodie in Youth Services with questions:
jnelson@plainfieldpubliclibrary.org.

A first, second and third place winner will be chosen from three divisions: *Fourth Grade*, *Fifth Grade*, and *Sixth Grade*. Winners will be chosen by **author Celia Perez**. Stories will be judged on creativity and writing skill.

Winners will be announced at the *Short Story Contest Award Ceremony and Author Talk* on Saturday, **March 14, 2020 at 10am**. All writers and their families are invited to attend. Each winning writer will be invited to a meet and greet with Celia Perez (same day from 11:00-11:30am). Winning stories will be printed in the *Plainfield Public Library Short Story Journal for Grades 4-6*. This publication will be distributed to all elementary and middle school media centers in District 202.