



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

## 2023 Rules and Guidelines

These are the rules you must follow:

1. The writing contest is open to anyone in 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> or 6<sup>th</sup> grade and begins on December 12, 2022.
2. Story 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 and email address.
4. Submissions must be a word document (Word or Google Doc). No PDFs please.
5. Email your entry [using a non-school e-mail address](#) to [jnelson@papl.info](mailto:jnelson@papl.info) by **11:59pm on January 22, 2023.**
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 Miss Jodie in Youth & Teen Services with questions: [jnelson@papl.info](mailto:jnelson@papl.info).

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 Liesl Shurtliff**. Stories will be judged on creativity and writing skill.

Winners will be announced at the *Short Story Contest Author Talk and Award Ceremony* on Saturday, [March 4, 2023 at 10am](#). Finalists will be invited to attend in person and all other writers will be sent a link to attend virtually. Each winning writer will attend a meet and greet with Liesl Shurtliff to take place immediately following the event. Winning stories will be printed in the *Plainfield Area Public Library Short Story Journal for Grades 4-6*.

