

The Big Write

Entries are now being accepted for the Galesburg Public Library's Annual Creative Writing Contest. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library. Part of the NEA Big Read of *Interior Chinatown* by Charles Yu.

Submissions will be grouped into four levels:

Adult • 9th-12th Grade • 7th-8th Grade • 3rd-6th Grade

Three categories of submissions are being accepted:

Short Stories • Poetry/Song Lyrics • Essays (adults only)



- Up to 3 winners in each age group and category will be awarded prizes of **\$20 to \$50**.
- All submissions must be the original and creative work of the person submitting them and should have been written within the last year. Fan Fiction is not allowed.
- Each contestant may submit up to two short stories and two poems. Adults may also submit up to two nonfiction essays.
- Submissions do not have to be written exclusively for the Big Write; they may be submitted to other contests. No entries will be returned.
- No information identifying the entrant may be included on any pages except the cover page. Cover page should include contestant's name, street address, email address, and phone number, and should specify the contestant's age level (Adult, 9th-12th Grade, 7th-8th Grade, 3rd-6th Grade).
- Short stories and essays must be in 12 point type and no longer than 8 pages double-spaced.
- Submission indicates permission for the entry to be published.
- Writers can reside outside the Galesburg/Knox County area.
- The submission deadline is Monday, March 20, 2023, at 11:59 PM.
- Submissions may be emailed to bigwrite@galesburglibrary.org, dropped off at the library's Reference Desk, placed in the Book Return box in the parking lot, or mailed to Writing Contest, Galesburg Public Library, 40 E Simmons St, Galesburg, IL 61401.
- Electronic submissions are preferred. Winners only will be notified in early April.
- A reception for winners, entrants, friends, family, and the community is scheduled for April 29 at 2:00 PM. Refreshments will be served, and winners can choose to read their entries.



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