

The Chattahoochee Valley Libraries
present the
Young Author's Contest
(Grades K-5) 2017

It's time to write your story!

The Chattahoochee Valley Libraries are soliciting entries for the annual Young Author's Contest (K-5). To enter, submit an original story in words and/or pictures.

- Participants **MUST** be in grades K-5 as of August 2017.
- No entry fee required.
- Entries will be due by **Friday July 28, 2017**. Entries may be submitted to any branch of the Chattahoochee Valley libraries. **DEADLINE WILL BE STRICTLY ENFORCED.**
- Only one entry per child.
- Your story must be your original work, including illustrations. Please use an ink pen or marker-NO Pencils (Drawings, paintings, and personal photography will be accepted.) **PLEASE NO COMPUTER CLIP ART.**
- Use 8 ½ x 11 inch paper, and use only one side of the paper. All entries must allow for a 1" margin on all sides. Attach the completed entry form to your story.
- Your story must be a minimum of 15 pages (including text and illustration).
- For additional forms and information contact:

Columbus Public Library * Children's Services
706-243-2679 * <http://www.cvlga.org/kids>

Six (6) winners will be selected and notified the week of August 7th. All winners will be honored at the Columbus Children's Book Festival on September 16, 2017. Winners will have their winning books professionally published, bound and added to the Children's Collection of the Chattahoochee Valley Libraries. Winners will receive one copy of their published book FREE. Winning books will also be available to order.

Entry Form

Complete this form and attach it to your entry.
Form may be duplicated as needed.

(Chattahoochee Valley Libraries will never share your personal contact information with anyone outside our organization. Contact information such as phone and mailing address will be used only for purposes of the contest.)

Please Print Clearly

Title of Book: _____

Suggestions for Entries:

Wordless Picture Book: Either a fiction or non-fiction story told with only illustrations, no words.

Picture Book: A fiction story told using a combination of text and pictures.

Chapter Book: A fiction story told using text, with few pictures- minimum of 2,000 words, maximum of 5,000 words.

Information Book: A non-fiction text using words or pictures of a combination of both.

Entries will be judged on originality, creativity, story structure, grammar, punctuation and overall appeal to the judges.

Name of Entrant: _____

Age: _____ **Grade:** _____ **School:** _____

Name of Parent/Guardian: _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____

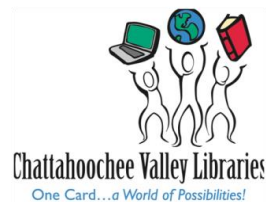
I represent that I am the Parent or Guardian of the minor child above and have the legal authority to give my child permission to enter the Young Author's Contest. The above named book is the original work, in all respects, of the author listed above and they have the full power to enter this book into the 2017 Young Author's Contest. The book has never been published. I hereby consent to the use of entry, name and photos by the Chattahoochee Valley Libraries for any and all advertising and promotion. Parent or Guardian signature will be deemed to grant permission for the entry to be added to the permanent collection of the Chattahoochee Valley Libraries.

Address: _____

City: _____ **Zip:** _____

Phone: _____ **Email:** _____

**All entries become property of the Chattahoochee Valley Libraries.
Participants are advised to retain a copy of their book.**



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