



# Picture Book Contest

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Want to see your original picture book featured in our Trail of Tales at Riverside Park? The Library and Parks and Recreation are hosting a storybook contest for kids in grades K - 12!

## **Guidelines**

- Participants must be in grades K - 12.
- One entry per person or group. Oldest member of group determines the age division.
- Books must be submitted by 4 pm on January 31, 2020.
- Winners will be announced February 17, 2020.
- All works must be picked up by March 2, 2020.
- By submitting an entry, you have given Bay City Public Library and the City of Bay City permission to reproduce and publicize your work --it may be published in multiple formats with the author's and illustrator's name(s).

## **Text**

- Entries must be written in picture book format.
- Make sure the text complements the artwork.
- Make sure the pages of your book are in the proper order and number the pages lightly on the back.
- Entries must not have been previously published.
- Title page must include the following information: Title, author's name(s), and illustrator's name(s).
- Format, spelling, and grammar are factors in judging.

## **Illustrations**

- Do not use trademarked, brand name items, or licensed characters, and products. (ex: Mickey Mouse, Snickers, McDonald's, Harry Potter, Scooby Doo, etc.) The right to use such names is protected by law.
- You can create artwork using paints, inks, crayons, markers, original computer graphics, original photography, cut paper, and print processes (such as linoleum block, silk screen, sponge painting, potato stamping, etc.)
- To maintain a constant look, it is best not to use too much variation in the media.
- Use bright, vibrant colors with bold lines to create reproducible illustrations that make a strong overall impression. In general, pencil drawings are not recommended.
- Create illustrations that fill most of the page by centering and enlarging the subject or including an appropriate background. Do not use newspaper print as a background.
- Consider making use of contrast in the artwork to create surprise and add life to pictures. Put dark colors next to light colors, thin lines next to thick lines, or use sharply contrasting figures.

## **Format for Submissions**

In order for your entry to be submitted into the contest, you must follow the required format for entries:

- All entries must contain illustrated artwork and be received in its original format.
- Three-dimensional artwork (pop-ups, flaps, movable parts, plasticine, etc.) will not be accepted.
- Artwork may be computer generated only if it is the artist's original creation.
- Use one side of the page only.
- Text must be typed or computer generated.
- Both text and artwork must be the sole creation of the author/illustrator.
- Use 8 1/2 x 11 paper.
- Do not staple, laminate, or bind the book.
- Your book must be 16 or 32 pages exactly. 16 page books need to be designed on 8 1/2 x 11 paper with a landscape orientation. 32 page books need to be designed on 11 x 8 1/2 paper with a portrait orientation.

## **Steps to Organize and Submit Your Entry**

- Organize pages in page order (mark page number on back) and place in a folder or envelope. Do not bind the pages.
- Provide cover art and a dedication page. These will not be counted as part of the page count.
- Include the completed entry form.
- Place your completed entry including the entry form into a large envelope or folder and deliver to the front desk at the Library by deadline. Email or fax submissions will not be accepted.

## **Contest Judging**

- A first and second place winner will be chosen from two age divisions: K - 5th grade and 6th - 12th grade.
- First place winners from each age division will receive a bound copy of their book, their book will be displayed on the Trail of Tales at a future date, and the book will be added to the Library's Local Author collection available for checkout.
- Second place winners will receive a bound copy of their book.
- Winning pieces will be chosen by a panel of librarians, City staff, and volunteers.



# 2020 Picture Book Contest Entry Form

This fully completed form must accompany your book. An entry form is needed for each author and illustrator.

Please print clearly.

**Circle One:**      **I am the author.**                      **I am the illustrator.**                      **I am the author and illustrator.**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Grade:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Title of Book:** \_\_\_\_\_

The Bay City Public Library and City of Bay City has permission to include my entry in the library collection, the Trail of Tales and on the website. I retain all other copyrights for this entry. I have received and read a copy of the official rules and understand that failure to follow these rules may result in disqualification of my entry.

**Name (please print):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent/Guardian Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_