

TELL-A-TALE ENTRY FORM



Please type or print legibly

Child's First Name _____ Last Name _____

Grade _____ Child's Date of Birth (M/D/Y) _____

School _____ Teacher _____

Home Address _____

City _____ Zip Code _____

Story Title _____

Number of pages (including cover page, if included) _____

- Only one entry per child.
- Story and illustration(s) must be the original work of the child.
- Story may be fact or fiction.
- Text must be printed legibly or typed.
- **Please include the child's first and last name and grade level on all pages submitted.**
- Completed entry form(s) must accompany story and illustration. Incomplete entries will be disqualified. Two forms must be submitted with the entry if there are two creators (author and illustrator).

Check one box.
This entry form is for an:

Author
 Illustrator
 Author & Illustrator

I acknowledge that I have read the contest rules prior to signing this form, and I understand and will abide by the rules. By signing this entry, I acknowledge that I have the legal authority to do so as the parent or guardian of the child author writing the story and/or the child illustrator illustrating the story, and I agree to abide and be bound by all of the rules of the Tell-A-Tale contest, including, without limitation, having the child's full name, grade, and school published with the story as set forth in the contest rules.

Parent/Guardian Signature _____

Printed Name _____

Email _____

Daytime Phone(_____) _____

Would you like us to contact you to pick up the story after judging is completed? ___ YES ___ NO

If NO, may we donate your story to the University of Findlay's College of Education? _____ YES, you may donate

Submissions begin on February 1, 2025.

Entries must be received by February 28, 2025.

Stories and illustrations may be dropped off at the
Findlay-Hancock County Public Library
Children's Department (206 Broadway, Findlay),
Arlington Library Branch (232 N Main St, Arlington)
or Bookmobile during business hours.

Entries may also be mailed to:

Tell-A-Tale Contest
Findlay-Hancock County Public Library
206 Broadway
Findlay, OH 45840

**Questions? Contact us at 419-434-1077 or
tellatale@findlaylibrary.org.**

OFFICE USE ONLY

Date/Time received _____

Entry form signed & completed (staff initials) _____



HOW TO ENTER

- The child can tell the story, which is written down by an adult, or the child can print their own story.
- The child can illustrate the story. (Illustrations are not required.)
- A parent or guardian must complete the entry form and sign the acknowledgement of contest rules.
- A completed entry form, story, and illustration(s) should be submitted to the Findlay-Hancock County Public Library.

WHO CAN SUBMIT A STORY?

- Children who will be in kindergarten through 5th grade by January 1, 2025 may submit a story.
- Children must live in Hancock County, OH or be associated with Findlay City Schools, the Hancock County School District, or another school in Hancock County, OH.

WHEN MUST THE STORY BE SUBMITTED?

- We'll start accepting stories on Saturday, February 1, 2025. **All stories must be received by Friday, February 28, 2025.**

JUDGING & PRIZES

- Entries will be judged by community advisors. All decisions of the judges are final and not subject to appeal or review.
- Prizes will be awarded to first, second, and third places in each grade at an awards celebration on **April 16, 2025.**
- Winners will be notified by email or phone, and winners' names will be posted on our website by **April 1, 2025.**

COVER ILLUSTRATION CONTEST!



The Mazda Museum will be sponsoring cover illustration prizes for first, second, and third places in each grade level. Cover illustrations must be sent in with a story in order to qualify for the cover illustration portion. Only cover illustrations will be judged for the cover illustration award.

WHAT ARE THE CONTEST RULES AND REGULATIONS?

- The story must be no more than 350 words.
- The story must be written in the English language.
- The story may be typed or handwritten but it must be legible.
- Children who cannot write may dictate their story to be typed or handwritten legibly.
- Illustrations or cover art are encouraged but not required.
- Only one entry per person—after the first entry received, all other entries by the same child will be disqualified.
- A story may have one person write and another person illustrate. That entry will count as the sole entry for both people.
- Only one-author stories qualify (no co-authored stories).
- Only one-illustrator stories qualify (no co-illustrated stories).
- The story must be wholly the original work of the entrant, written solely by the entrant. It cannot be copied from any other source.
- The story cannot be in violation of or in conflict with the trademark, copyright, rights of privacy, rights of publicity, or any other rights, of any kind or nature, of any other person or entity.
- The story must not have been previously broadcast or otherwise distributed or disseminated in any media or format.
- The story must not include any language or other content that is inappropriate, offensive, or otherwise unfit for dissemination or broadcast, as determined by the Tell-A-Tale Committee in its sole discretion.
- Any submitted stories and/or illustrations may be published in print and digitally on the Findlay-Hancock County Public Library website and social media. Published stories/illustrations will include the child's full name, school, and grade.

Visit our website for more information:

<https://findlaylibrary.org/content/tell-a-tale>



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