



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) can 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, 2023 may submit a story.
- Writers must be associated with Findlay City Schools, the Hancock County School District, or live in Hancock County.

WHEN MUST THE STORY BE SUBMITTED?

- We'll start accepting stories on Wednesday, February 1, 2023. All stories must be received by Tuesday, February 28, 2023.

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 place winners in each grade at an awards celebration in April. Winners will be notified by phone or email prior to ceremony.



COVER ILLUSTRATION CONTEST!

The Mazza Museum will be judging cover illustrations and awarding prizes for first, second, and third places in each grade level. Illustrations must be sent in with a story in order to qualify for the illustration portion. Only cover illustrations will be judged for the 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 single author stories qualify (no co-authored stories).
- Only single 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 Facebook page. Published stories/illustrations will include the child's full name, school, and grade.

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