

19th Annual
2025 Celebrate the Arts
WRITING CONTEST

Writers! Use your imagination and share your creativity in this contest for all ages.
Enter your personal writing, your child's or your student's. Become a published author!
See your writing in a library book! Win great prizes!

POINTERS FOR WRITERS

- Any genre (short story, poem, comic strip, etc.) and on any topic. Each entry must have a TITLE. ARTWORK (limit 2 pages) should be comics (not in gray pencil due to scanning difficulty). Submit scan of comic. No illustrations or paintings should accompany writing submissions.
- Up to 800 words per author. If more than one entry is submitted, the total may not exceed 800 words.
- Wording and theme must be appropriate for all ages.
- Original work only. By entering, the author affirms that no AI, ChatGPT, etc. has been used.
- Entries must include: Author's Name, Address, Email, Phone, Social Media Handle (if desired) and Category: Grades K-2 | Grades 3-5 | Grades 6-8 | Grades 9-12 | Adults over age 18
- Teachers are asked to provide student contact information when possible.
- Submit writing as a Microsoft Word or Google Doc, 8.5" x 11" portrait, 10-point type, and Arial font.
- No out-of-state entries. Library staff and Arts Council members are not eligible for judging, but may submit work for publication in the Writing Contest book.

BECOME AN HONORED WRITER

- All entries will be published in a professionally bound book for purchase. Artwork will be printed in black & white. The Arts Council reserves the right to exclude any entry from the Writing Contest book.
- Awards will be presented at a reception to honor writers and families on Sunday, April 13.
- First place winners in each grade/age category will have their photo and writing published on the Arts Council's website.

PRIZES

- Winners will be announced the first week in April. The 1st, 2nd, 3rd place and Honorable Mention prizes for the grade/age categories include book selections, Squishmallow baskets, Friends Shop gift certificates, and writing gifts including journals and idea books. In addition, each winner will receive a copy of the Writing Contest book compliments of the Friends of the Library.

HOW TO ENTER

- **Digitally:** Submit your writing to artscouncilwesterville@gmail.com
- **OR** mail to Westerville Public Library, Attn: Writing Contest, 126 S. State St., Westerville, OH 43081
- **OR** stop by the Westerville Public Library to drop off at the desk in the kids area.

Deadline: Saturday, March 1, 2025

Questions? Email artscouncilwesterville@gmail.com or call the Westerville Public Library at 614-882-7277 ext. 2295.

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