



2010 Official Entry Rules

1. The story must include the sentence: "**One word changed everything.**"
2. Students in grades 6-12 are eligible to enter.
3. Stories should be edited before entering. Judges will consider grammar, creativity, plotting and character development in choosing winning entries.
4. The entries must be typed, double-spaced and no longer than 2,500 words.
5. DO NOT put your name on your short story. Instead, fill out the 'Short Story Submission Form' and attach it on top of your story. This way, your story will be judged equally with other entries.
6. Turn it in to the Springfield Public Library, Attn: Teen Services Librarian. Mailed entries received by the deadline will be accepted. Please do not email submissions.
7. The \$50 Grand Prize will be chosen from all entries. Other prizes will be awarded in two categories: Middle School and High School. Stories will be published and added to the teen collection in the library. Selected stories may appear on the library's website.
8. **The DEADLINE is Saturday, October 30, 2010 at 5pm.**
9. For more information, contact the Teen Services Librarian at (541) 726-2237.

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Springfield Public Library 2010 Teen Short Story Contest Submission Form

Please attach this form to the first page of your story.
All entries must be received by Saturday, Oct. 30, 2010 at 5pm.

Name: _____

Grade: _____ School: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Title of Story: _____

Number of Words: _____

Number of Pages: _____

Try these writing resources available in the library:

- Writing Magic* by Gail Carson Levine (JR 808.3 L)
- Write What You See* by Hank Kellner (NEW BOOK YA 808 K)
- Writing Down the Days* by Lorraine Dahlstrom (YA 808 D)
- Writing Down the Bones* by Natalie Goldberg (808.02 G)

Or go online:

- Writing tips and resources from *Teen Ink*:
teenink.com/About/WritingTips.php#general
teenink.com/Resources/WritingR.php



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