

2023 Salem Reads

The People Who Shaped Me

Writing Contest for Teens and Adults

A short story contest with three cash prizes
in each of two categories:

Teen (grades 6 to 12) and Adult (18+)

1st: \$50

2nd: \$30

3rd: \$20

Honor a person who helped shape you! We are looking for essays, creative nonfiction, or fictionalized stories about the real people who have influenced your life. You can talk about friends, family, mentors, or even someone you met in passing. You can tell us the story of how they impacted you or just introduce us to that important person.

Stories should be 200-1,000 words

All entries must be received

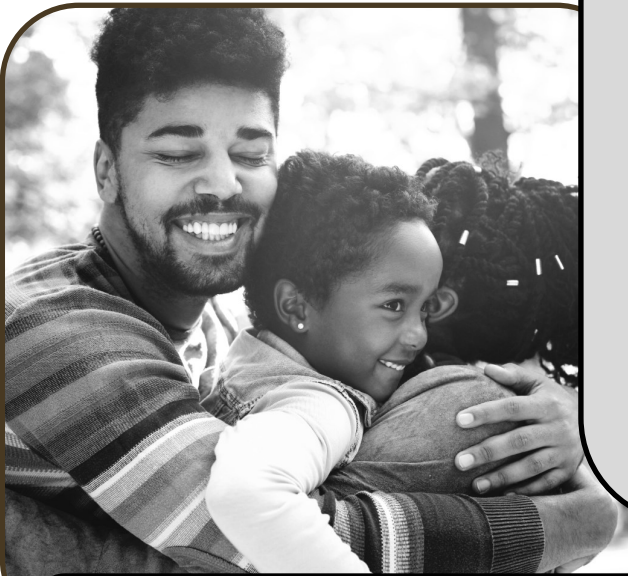
No later than 5 p.m.

5 p.m. Tuesday, February 7, 2023

Enter at:

<https://bit.ly/SR-writing2023>

(see reverse for alternate means of entering)



Winning entries and select runners up will be read at the Awards Event at
5:30-6:30 p.m. Thursday, February 23 in Anderson Rooms A&B.

More information is available from www.cityofsalem.net/library or 503-588-6315.

GUIDELINES FOR ENTRIES

- Each writer may submit no more than 2 stories.
- Writers must live in the Salem area and/or attend a Salem area school.
- Stories must not exceed 1,000 words.
- Uploaded stories must be in PDF format.
- Work must be wholly original. Stories with plagiarized content will be disqualified from the contest.
- The title of the story must be printed at the top of each page.
- Each submission must be accompanied by a completed Google entry form. Your name should NOT appear anywhere on the story.
- Anyone unable to submit through the Google form has the option to (1) email the story and along with name, phone, and story title to ssomerville@cityofsalem.net or (2) submit a hard copy of their story along with a printed entry form to any Salem Public Library Ask Me Desk.
- Each entry must be typed on 8.5" by 11" paper.
- Entries are judged on originality, voice, and overall impression.
- Stories will not be returned at the end of the contest.

ENTRY FORM

Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Entries are limited to writers from the Salem, OR area. My completing this entry, I am indicating that my household is located in the Salem, OR area. Yes

I affirm that this submitted work is my original work and was created only by me. Yes

Story Title: _____

I am entering this contest as Teen (grade 6-12) or Adult (age 18+)

For teen writers:

School: _____ Grade in School: _____

Salem Public Library has my permission to use this submitted story for publication in any of its print or electronic formats. Yes No

Signature: _____