

2017 Young Writer's Contest

Peter White Public Library, Dr. Allyn Roberts, and the Marquette Monthly are sponsoring a teen writing competition for high school students, including those who are home schooled, in grades 9 through 12. There are three categories: Poetry, Short Stories, and Opinion Essays.

Submission requirements:

- 1) Entries must be no longer than 750 words. Entries must not have been published previously. Entries must be typed and double spaced. Poetry may be typed in a unique style befitting the poem.
- 2) Opinion essays may include book or film reviews; or address any subject the writer chooses.
- 3) A typed cover sheet must include the writer's name, address, phone number, school and grade, plus the entry's word count. The writer's name should not appear on any page of the actual entry. Please attach the cover sheet securely to the entry. Keep a copy of your entry for your records.
- 4) The contest is open to residents of Peter White Public Library's service area: City of Marquette and townships of Marquette, Chocolay, Ewing, Sands, Skandia, Turin, Wells, and West Branch, as well as all Peter White Public Library card holders.
- 5) Only one submission total per writer will be accepted.
- 6) Entries will not be returned.
- 7) Winners will be called in May. The three first place entries will be published in the July 2017 issue of the Marquette Monthly.

Entries must be postmarked or brought to the library by 9:00 pm on Monday, May 1, 2017.

Send your poem, short story or opinion essay to:

Teen Writing Competition
Peter White Public Library
217 N. Front St.
Marquette, MI 49855

If you prefer, you may bring your entry to the Teen Services desk on the main floor of the library, or the Youth Services desk on the lower level.

There will be a total of 6 prizes: \$125 first place in each of the 3 categories
\$75 second place in each of the 3 categories

Prizes will be awarded at a reception in early June. All participants will receive certificates.

For more information, please call the Teen Services Department at 906-226-4321 or Youth Services at 226-4323.

Library hours: Mon.–Thurs. 9:00am-9:00pm, Fri. 9:00am-6:00pm, Sat. 10:00am-5:00pm