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HOUSTON COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

**CREATIVE MINDS WRITING CONTEST 2017-18**  
**FOR STUDENTS IN 2<sup>ND</sup> – 12<sup>TH</sup> GRADES**  
**For Houston County Residents**

**Contest Rules:**

1. The Creative Writing Contest is open to all students that are residents of Houston County (private schools, public schools, and/or homeschooled students)
2. Since this contest will be judged blindly, all applicants **must** fill out the entry form with all the appropriate contact information.
3. No contestant's name should be on the actual writing piece; it should only appear on the entry form with the work attached.
4. An entry form needs to be filled out for each individual entry
5. All entries should be on 8 ½ X 11 inch white paper
6. Margins should be 1 inch all the way around (normal margin setting, not narrow)
7. Entries can be typed or neatly hand written (blue or black ink **only**)
8. Typed entries need to be 10 or 12 font and font style needs to be Times New Roman or Courier New
9. All works must be original and not previously published.
10. By entering this contest, if the author's work is selected as a winning entry the, the author gives permission for the work to be published in the *Creative Hands and Minds Literary Journal* which will be used by the Houston County Library and HC Friends of the Library to promote and fund the Creative Writing Event. All publication rights go back to the author after the publication of the winning entries in the *Creative Hands and Minds Literary Journal*.
11. Entries can be submitted directly to the library or can be emailed to [sharonwilson1976@yahoo.com](mailto:sharonwilson1976@yahoo.com) with **2018 Writing Contest** in the subject line.
12. Deadline to enter is February 16, 2018 (all winners will be notified via phone no later than 2 weeks after the deadline of the contest).
13. If any of the rules are not followed, the contestant will be disqualified from the contest.
14. There will be a reception to recognize the winners and all participants of the contest on April 26, 2018 from 6-8 p.m. Prizes will be presented at the reception to the winners. Anyone who entered the contest is welcome to attend the reception regardless if they win or not, **only** the winners' works will be published and will receive prizes.

**Writing Categories:**

- Poetry (10 lines to 1 page maximum) (any type of poetry is acceptable)
- Prose (250 words maximum)
- Short Fiction (500 words maximum) (any genre of fiction is acceptable).

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**ENTRY FORM**

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**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Writing Category Entered:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Title of Work:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Age of Student:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Grade of Student:** \_\_\_\_\_

**School Student Attends:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone Number:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Cell phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email Address:** \_\_\_\_\_