

The 47th Annual Holiday Writing Contest

All area children, grades K – 12, are invited to enter the Holiday Writing Contest. This contest encourages talented and aspiring young writers to share with us their written word about the winter holiday season. Students may submit either short stories or poems. Simple illustrations may accompany the work. A student may also submit a thematic winter holiday drawing which may be selected as artwork for the Holiday Writing Contest Book of winning entries.

Contest Rules:

1. Only one written entry per child.
2. Each entry must be solely the work of the student and must have a winter holiday theme.
3. The author's name should not appear anywhere on the work itself. The entry form must accompany each entry and should be stapled to the front of the work. Any entry submitted without the entry form attached will be disqualified.
4. Each entry must be neatly written or typed.
5. Each entry should not exceed 500 words.
6. All entries must be submitted no later than **5:00 p.m. on Saturday, November 1, 2025.**
7. All entries are the property of Samuels Public Library and will not be returned.
8. Special needs participants simply enter the grade level that best matches their reading and writing ability. Chronological age is not counted.
9. Art submissions must be drawings or paintings, no bigger than 8x11. Art and submissions with glued items will be disqualified.

A panel of qualified judges from the community will read all entries and select the winners. A gift certificate from a local bookstore will be awarded to the first place winners in each grade level. Second and third place winners in each grade will receive certificates. All winners will receive a keepsake booklet highlighting their work. Winners will be contacted.

Samuels Public Library 47th Annual Holiday Writing Contest Entry Form

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP CODE _____

TELEPHONE NUMBER _____

SCHOOL _____

GRADE LEVEL _____ Special Needs _____

TITLE OF ENTRY _____

NOTE: This completed form **must** accompany each entry and should be stapled to the front of the work. The author's name **should not** appear anywhere on the work itself. The deadline for entries is **5:00 p.m. on Saturday, November 1, 2025.**

Please contact Michal Ashby at Samuels Library at (540) 635-3153 if you have any questions.