

1ST PRIZE: \$60 CASH PRIZE

2ND PRIZE: \$40 CASH PRIZE Have you ever read a short story that grabbed your attention? It's your turn to write one!

Write a flash fiction story in any genre on the theme of your choice. Stories must be 1,200 words or less.

Guidelines:

- Participants must be 18 or older.
- Submissions are accepted November 1 through December 15. Entries are due by midnight on December 15, 2023.
- Submitted works must be original, written in English, and previously unpublished. Any works that do not fit these criteria will be disqualified.
- Only one story per writer may be submitted.
- Please keep your story content appropriate for a wide audience.
- Email entries to Jessica at jfurtado@hwlibrary.org The following information must be written in your email: your name, phone number, email address, and title of the story. Attach your story in a document. Please do not include identifying information in your document.
- If you prefer to submit a hard copy, please include your name, phone number, email address, and title of the story in a cover sheet. Bring your submission to the Circulation Desk.
- Participants agree that, if selected as a winner, their entry may be posted on the library's website and social media, either in its entirety or in excerpts.
- Submission indicates acceptance of all contest rules.
- The contest will be judged by Adult Services Librarian and writer, Jessica Furtado.

Contest winners will be announced in January 2024 through direct notification to the winners. The winning stories will be shared on the Library's website.

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