West Virginia Library Commission Writing Contest

All ages, four categories: 3-7, 8-12, 13-18, Adult

Calling all writers! To celebrate National Library Week (April 8-14), WVLC is having a response writing contest. Fill in the space provided below (and on the back if needed) with an original response. Turn it in to your local library by April 16. All entries will be displayed in the library during April and the winning submissions in each group will be printed and distributed to public libraries throughout the state.

Contest Rules:

Each entry must be the original work of one individual (ages 3-7 may have help from an adult).

- Limit one entry per person.
- Personal essay must be 150 words or less (entries of more than 150 words will be disqualified).
- Essay must be previously unpublished in its entirety or pieces thereof.
- Essay must be written by one person; no writing teams, ghostwriters or writing partnerships.
- Hard copy entries will not be returned if submitted, digital copies are encouraged (libraries, take advantage of this teachable moment!).
- Entries must be submitted by April 16 to your local library.
- All submissions are final! Corrections to and replacements for submitted essays will not be allowed.
- By submitting your entry, you guarantee the work was written by you and expresses your original ideas.

The contest runs from April 1 to April 16 and is open to all. Entries are due to your local library by April 16.

A winner will be selected by the WVLC staff in four age groups: 3-7, 8-12 and 13-18 and adult. Winners will be notified by mail before May 15. The winning submissions will be posted on WVLC's website and Facebook page. The winners will receive a certificate for themselves and a book prize pack for their local public library.

Name: _____ Age: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ City: _____

All entries become the property of the West Virginia Library Commission and may be reproduced for public distribution, displayed in the library, and posted to WVLC and the library's website and Facebook pages. WVLC may use each winner's name, design, and photograph for publicity purposes.

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