



# Friends of the Coeur d'Alene Public Library

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## 2012 WRITERS COMPETITION ENTRY FORM

**THIS FULLY COMPLETED FORM  
▶ ALONG WITH ENTRY FEE ◀  
MUST ACCOMPANY EACH ENTRY**

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Please type or print clearly:

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Entry Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Category:  Fiction  Nonfiction / Entry fee enclosed:  \$1/entry ages 6-11  \$2/entry ages 12 and older.

**PLEASE NOTE: Each participant may submit up to two entries total (two fiction, two nonfiction or one in each category).**

## PUBLICATION PERMISSION FORM

The Friends of the Coeur d'Alene Public Library have permission to include my entry in a book containing all entries in the 2012 Coeur d'Alene Public Library Writers Competition. I retain all other copyrights for this entry. *I have received and read a copy of the official rules and understand that failure to follow these rules may result in disqualification of my entry.*

Name (please type or print): \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

*If under 18*, signature and address of parent or guardian:

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

**DO NOT DISTRIBUTE ENTRY FORMS WITHOUT INCLUDING A COPY OF THE RULES!**

## 2012 WRITERS COMPETITION OFFICIAL RULES

**Categories:** Fiction and Nonfiction – NO POETRY or RHYMING PROSE

**Age Groups:** (Birthdate as of Jan. 1) 6-8 Years 9-11 Years 12-14 Years 15-18 Years 19+ Years

**Entry Fee:** Ages 6-11 - \$1.00 per entry Ages 12 and older - \$2.00 per entry

**Deadline:** At the library by 8 p.m. March 31, 2012, or postmarked no later than March 30, 2012

▶▶▶ RULES MUST BE FOLLOWED OR ENTRY MAY BE DISQUALIFIED ◀◀◀

**Adults organizing group entries for children: Please make sure you have read and understand the rules.**

Entry forms are available at the library, 702 E. Front Ave., Coeur d'Alene, ID 83814-4012, by mail by sending a self-addressed, stamped envelope to the library or by download from:

[www.cdalibrary.org/Events/FORM-WritersCompetition.pdf](http://www.cdalibrary.org/Events/FORM-WritersCompetition.pdf). An entry form and fee must accompany EACH entry.

### YOUR RULES CHECKLIST

A participant may submit up to two entries total – two fiction, two nonfiction OR one each in fiction and nonfiction. Each entry must have a signed form and entry fee.

Entries can be up to 2,000 words or less. No entry is too short.

Entries must not have been previously published.

Entries must be typewritten (or printed from a word-processing computer) on 8½ X 11-inch white paper, DOUBLE-SPACED with a 2-inch left margin. Make all other margins 1 inch. Print on one side of page only.

Participants ages 6-8 ONLY may hand-print entries, but writing must be double-spaced and not cursive. Children's illustrations are welcomed within the required margins.

Do not use cursive, all-cap, complicated or other hard-to-read fonts.

Title page must be included and contain the following information:

Title, your name, category and age group.

(Your name should appear ONLY on the title page.)

Do NOT begin your story on the title page.)

Beginning with the page after the title page, include the title and page numbers on ALL pages in the upper right-hand corner. (Your name should appear ONLY on the title page.) The page after the title page is Page 1. (The title and page number can be within the margin space.)

This paragraph is single-spaced.

This paragraph is double-spaced. Do entries like this.

*These* **ARE** NOT good *fonts*.

Do not staple, bind or fold your entry. Please paperclip each copy of the entry.

**Each entry must include an original and three (3) copies (FOUR COPIES TOTAL)**, a signed official entry form and an entry fee.

Submit in a large, manila envelope (minimum size 9X12) to the library by March 31, 2012. One entry per envelope, please.

Winners will be notified of the time and place of the awards ceremony. Prizes will be given to the winner (or his/her authorized representative) at the ceremony. Prizes will NOT be mailed to winners.

Prizes will be awarded for each age group: First Place - \$100; Second Place - \$50; Third Place - \$25

Entries will be judged by professional writers, editors and educators. Winners' names will be provided to local newspapers and will also be listed on the Coeur d'Alene Public Library's website: [www.cdalibrary.org](http://www.cdalibrary.org). Mailed requests for a winners list should include a self-addressed, stamped envelope.

### Tips for competitors:

■ Before you begin to write, read the rules that accompany your entry form and then REREAD them. You must use the required format.

■ Try to write the same way you talk. You may find it useful to read your entry out loud. Does it sound natural to you?

■ Write about what you know. Look for stories in the world around you.

■ You will find it valuable to have another person read your story for errors before you submit it.

■ Format, spelling, and grammar are factors in judging. Don't rely entirely on spell check.

■ If you have questions, contact the library: 208/769-2315 Ext. 426