

DEFIANCE PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEM'S TEEN FANFICTION WRITING CONTEST

NOVEMBER 1-30, 2025



OVERVIEW

Submit an original story – 1,000–3,000 words – based on the movie or book series, *The Hunger Games* by Suzanne Collins.

AWARDS

The winning entry will be announced on Monday, December 8, 2025 and will be published in the January YA Squeeze newsletter as well as printed in booklet form and distributed at all DPLS locations. Winner will also receive *The Hunger Games* trilogy.

JUDGING

Entries will be judged anonymously by a panel of staff and qualified guests. All decisions made by the panel will be final. Entries will be judged on:

- originality of thought
- creativity of form
- individual expressive style
- quality of writing

CRITERIA

- Must be in grades 6–12.
- Limit one entry per person. Once that entry is submitted corrections or additional edits will not be accepted.
- All entries must be original work and written by the named author. AI stories will not be accepted.
- Entries must be rated no higher than PG–13.
- Entries must be typed: standard font, size 12, double-spaced, with page numbers and a cover page.
- Each entry must be between 1,000–3,000 words, excluding the cover page.
- The cover page must contain the following: title of the story, author's name, grade, school, contact information (including email, phone, address), and preferred method of contact.
- The title of the story should be included on the first page of the work.
- The author's name and contact information should only be included on the cover page.
- For contest purposes, the entry should be fan fiction, able to be understood within the context of the story as no additional information will be read.

Entries that do not meet ALL guidelines may be disqualified.

SUBMITTING

Entries can be delivered to any DPLS location or emailed to Pam at prellstab@defiancelibrary.org. Submissions will be accepted from Friday, November 1 – Saturday, November 30, 2025. Late submissions will not be accepted. Original entries will not be returned.

QUESTIONS

Questions regarding the contest can be directed to Pam at prellstab@defiancelibrary.org or 419-782-1456.