

Readers Unite: A Journey to New Horizons

Join the SaskPower Northern Reading Program

Writing Contest



Writing Contest Categories

1. Adventurers (Preschool/Nursery/Kindergarten to Grade 6):

- **Preschool/Nursery/Kindergarten: Picture Story**
-An imaginative illustration exploring themes of adventure and discovery.
- **Grade 1 to Grade 2: Story with a Corresponding Picture**
-A creative story paired with a drawing, focusing on exciting adventures and explorations.
- **Grade 3 to Grade 5: Story (over 300 words) or a Poem**
-A narrative or poem that captures the essence of a young adventurer's journey and experiences.
- **Grade 6: Story (over 700 words) or a Poem**
-A more detailed story or poem, delving into adventures and challenges, inspiring curiosity and resilience.

2. Pathfinders (Grade 7 to Grade 12):

- **Grade 7 to Grade 8: Story (over 700 words) or a Poem**
-A story or poem that reflects on the pathfinder's experiences, challenges, and personal growth.
- **Grade 9 to Grade 12: Story (over 1500 words) or a Poem**
-An in-depth story or poem, exploring complex themes and the journey of self-discovery and insight.

3. Voyagers (Adults):

- **Category: Short Story (2500+ words), Poetry (any type or length)**
-Adult participants are encouraged to craft stories, or poems that delve into themes of life's voyages, personal reflections, and the rich tapestry of northern experiences.

4. Joint Effort (Cross-Age Collaboration):

- **Child and Parent/Guardian or Classroom Project**
-A collaborative project combining different perspectives and experiences, fostering shared storytelling and creativity.

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Contest Rules

Stories and Poems must be scanned and uploaded to Writing Contest on the SaskPower Northern Reading Program website in JPG, PNG, Word or PDF format.

Editing and corrections must be completed before submitting.

1st, 2nd, and 3rd place prizes awarded in all 4 categories.

Deadline to submit entries: March 1st, 2024

Final Judging will take place in March/April.

Submitted entries will be added to a digital flip book that can be accessed, downloaded, and printed from the SaskPower Northern Reading Program Website.

Enter Here:

www.northernreadingprogram.ca



Important Information for Writing Contest Participants

As we gear up for the exciting writing contest of this year's SaskPower Northern Reading Program, we'd like to share some essential information regarding your submissions:

1. **Submission Categories:** Please indicate clearly if you are submitting your work as an Adventurer, Pathfinder, Voyager, or as part of a Joint Effort (Cross-Age Collaboration). Here are the categories for your reference:
 - a. Adventurers (Preschool/Nursery/Kindergarten to Grade 6):
 - i. Various formats ranging from picture stories to detailed narratives and poems, focusing on themes of adventure and discovery.
 - b. Pathfinders (Grade 7 to Grade 12):
 - i. Stories or poems reflecting on experiences, challenges, and personal growth, with specific word count requirements based on grade level.
 - c. Voyagers (Adults):
 - i. Short stories (2500+ words) and poetry exploring life's voyages, personal reflections, and northern experiences.
 - d. Joint Effort (Cross-Age Collaboration):
 - i. Collaborative projects between children and adults, combining perspectives for shared storytelling.

2. **Digital Flip-Book Display:** Your writing will be featured in a digital flip-book on our website. For privacy, you may choose to display your initials, or a combination (e.g., A. Smith, Alex S.) on your work.

3. **No Post-Submission Editing:** Ensure your submission is final as it will not be edited after submission.

Additional Points:

- **Age Indication** (Optional): Feel free to include your age or grade for context.
- **Contact Information:** Provide a contact email or phone number for administrative use only; it will not be public.

We look forward to showcasing the diverse and creative stories from our community. If you have any questions or need further details about the submission process, please reach out to us.

Thank you for being a part of the SaskPower Northern Reading Program and for sharing your creativity!

Adventurers Category Writing Contest Rubric

Preschool, Nursery, Kindergarten to Grade 6

Criteria	Willie's Favorite (5 Points)	Willie Approved (4 Points)	Willie's Pick (3 Points)	Willie's Nod (2 Points)	Willie's Encouragement (1 Point)
Adventure and Discovery Theme	Wow! Your story is just like a hidden treasure of adventures – so exciting!	Great! Your story really takes us on a fun adventure.	Good going! Your adventure is fun, with some more surprises yet to find.	You've got some adventure going, but let's add a bit more mystery!	Keep exploring! Every adventurer starts somewhere, and you're on your way.
Creativity in Story or Drawing	Your story or drawing is as colorful and creative as a rainbow!	Really creative! Your story or drawing is full of fun ideas.	Pretty creative! Let's see even more of your imaginative ideas next time.	You've got some creative sparks – let's turn them into a creative fire!	You're starting to show your creativity – keep it up and see where it takes you!
Overall Engagement	Your story or drawing is so engaging, it's like a non-stop adventure!	Your work really keeps us interested in your adventure.	Good job, but let's make your next adventure even more exciting!	You're on the right path, just add a bit more excitement to your story.	You're getting there – every great story starts with a single step!

Pathfinders Category Writing Contest Rubric

Grades 7 -12

Criteria	Score 5: Willie's Favorite	Score 4: Willie Approved	Score 3: Willie's Pick	Score 2: Willie's Nod	Score 1: Willie's Encouragement
Depth of Story/Poem: How deeply does your story or poem explore the themes of experiences, challenges, and personal growth?	Exceptionally deep and insightful, showing a profound understanding of the themes.	Very insightful, with a strong grasp of the themes and their significance.	Good depth, showing a clear understanding of the themes.	Some depth, but could explore the themes more deeply.	A start, but needs to delve deeper into the themes. Keep exploring!
Creativity and Originality: Are your ideas and the way you present them unique and captivating?	Highly original and creative, with a unique approach that stands out.	Very creative, with a fresh and engaging approach.	Good creativity, showing original thought.	Some creativity, but could benefit from more original ideas.	A beginning, but more originality needed. Keep experimenting!
Expression and Impact: How impactful and emotionally engaging is your storytelling or poetry?	Extremely impactful, leaving a lasting emotional impression.	Very impactful, with strong emotional resonance.	Good impact, evoking a clear emotional response.	Some impact, but could be more emotionally engaging.	A start, but needs to connect more emotionally. Keep expressing!



Voyagers Category Writing Contest Rubric

Adults 19+

Criteria	Score 5: Willie's Favorite	Score 4: Willie Approved	Score 3: Willie's Pick	Score 2: Willie's Nod	Score 1: Willie's Encouragement
Exploration of Themes: How well do your stories or poems delve into the themes of life's voyages and personal reflections?	Exceptionally well-crafted, showcasing profound insight and masterful storytelling.	Very well-developed, demonstrating strong insight and skilled storytelling.	Well-executed, with clear insight and good storytelling technique.	Moderately developed, showing some insight but needing more depth or finesse.	Needs further development to fully realize the potential of the story or poem.
Depth and Insight: Is there a depth of insight and complexity in your storytelling or poetry?	Exceptionally well-crafted, showcasing profound insight and masterful storytelling.	Very well-developed, demonstrating strong insight and skilled storytelling.	Well-executed, with clear insight and good storytelling technique.	Moderately developed, showing some insight but needing more depth or finesse.	Needs further development to fully realize the potential of the story or poem.
Creativity and Craftsmanship: How skillfully is your story or poem crafted, in terms of language and structure?	Exceptionally well-crafted, showcasing profound insight and masterful storytelling.	Very well-developed, demonstrating strong insight and skilled storytelling.	Well-executed, with clear insight and good storytelling technique.	Moderately developed, showing some insight but needing more depth or finesse.	Needs further development to fully realize the potential of the story or poem.

Joint Effort Category Writing Contest Rubric

Criteria	Score 5: Willie's Favorite	Score 4: Willie Approved	Score 3: Willie's Pick	Score 2: Willie's Nod	Score 1: Willie's Encouragement
<p>Collaborative Creativity: How well do the different perspectives and experiences blend together in your project?</p>	<p>Exceptionally creative and cohesive, with a perfect blend of perspectives and a captivating narrative.</p>	<p>Very creative and well-integrated, showing strong collaboration and an engaging narrative.</p>	<p>Good collaborative effort, with clear integration of perspectives and effective storytelling.</p>	<p>Moderate collaboration, with some integration of perspectives but could be more cohesive.</p>	<p>Needs more collaborative effort to bring together perspectives and enhance storytelling.</p>
<p>Storytelling and Expression: How effectively is the story told, combining the strengths of each collaborator?</p>	<p>Exceptionally creative and cohesive, with a perfect blend of perspectives and a captivating narrative.</p>	<p>Very creative and well-integrated, showing strong collaboration and an engaging narrative.</p>	<p>Good collaborative effort, with clear integration of perspectives and effective storytelling.</p>	<p>Moderate collaboration, with some integration of perspectives but could be more cohesive.</p>	<p>Needs more collaborative effort to bring together perspectives and enhance storytelling.</p>
<p>Theme and Engagement: Does the project capture the audience's interest and convey its theme engagingly?</p>	<p>Exceptionally creative and cohesive, with a perfect blend of perspectives and a captivating narrative.</p>	<p>Very creative and well-integrated, showing strong collaboration and an engaging narrative.</p>	<p>Good collaborative effort, with clear integration of perspectives and effective storytelling.</p>	<p>Moderate collaboration, with some integration of perspectives but could be more cohesive.</p>	<p>Needs more collaborative effort to bring together perspectives and enhance storytelling.</p>