

The Ridgefield Library Playwriting Contest
For High School and Middle School Students - Summer 2017

Submission Instructions

- Contest is open to all high school and middle school students living in Ridgefield.
- Submission can be made by one or more playwrights for each play.
- Submission is limited to one play per playwright(s).
- Each play must be accompanied by a signed registration form attesting to the originality of the submission and granting all rights, on a non-exclusive basis, to the Ridgefield Library.
- If a play is submitted by more than one playwright, each playwright must fill out a submission form indicating who they are collaborating with and the name of the play.
- Plays should be submitted via email to writingcontest@ridgefieldlibrary.org by midnight on August 1st.
- If electronic submission is not possible, hard copy may be delivered to the Library Circulation Desk at 472 Main Street in Ridgefield, CT by close of business at 8:00 PM on August 1, 2017, marked "Attention: Playwriting Contest."

Story Specifications

- Submissions should be in the form of a Word document or pdf. Format for 8.5 x 11 paper, double-spaced, with 1 inch margins on all 4 sides. Please use 12-point type in a plain font such as Times New Roman. Please include a page number and the title of the play on the bottom of each page. DO NOT include the author's name on the story itself – only in the registration form.
- The play should be approximately 15 minutes – or 15 pages in length.
- Reasonable community standards (broadcast TV) apply to language and content.

Judging

- Initial readings by the judges will be done blind, without knowledge of the playwright's identity. To facilitate this, each play should be given a distinctive title that will allow it to be identified without revealing the playwright's name.
- Judges for the contest will include Ridgefield Library board members or staff; education leaders from the Ridgefield High School; local theatre professionals.
- Entries will be judged on criteria that include originality and narrative quality.
- Five winning plays will be chosen.
- Winning plays will be performed by members of the Ridgefield High School Theatre Company at the Ridgefield Playhouse on Friday, September 15th in connection with the Ridgefield Library's "Love Your Library" Event. All proceeds from the performance will benefit the Ridgefield Library.
- The Ridgefield High School Theatre Company is sponsoring cash prizes to the five winning plays.
- The Library will create and make available on its website an audio recording of the winning plays as read by the members of the Ridgefield High School Theatre Company.

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Registration Form

Playwright's Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Telephone: _____

Email: _____

Title of Play: _____

____ I am collaborating with the following playwright(s) on this play:

- I hereby certify that I/we am/are the original playwright(s) of the submitted material and that I/we submit it without expectation of any payment or other return.
- I have read and understood the attached Release and am including a signed copy with this submission.
- I have read and understand the contest rules and have adhered to all stipulations contained therein.
- I agree to allow the use of my name and the title and description of my/our play by the Ridgefield Library in publicity about the contest, including print and online press releases and website content.

Playwright's signature: _____

Parent signature (if playwright under 18): _____

Date: _____

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Release Form (the "Release")

In consideration of my participation as a contestant in the Ridgefield Library Play Writing Contest for High School and Middle School Students (the "Contest") sponsored by the Ridgefield Library (the "Sponsor"), I do, on behalf of myself, my heirs, legal representatives and assigns, agree to the following:

- (1) I warrant and represent that the play I have submitted for the Contest (the "Work") is an original work of playwriting and that I have not granted, transferred or assigned any rights with respect to the Work that would interfere or limit my ability to grant, transfer or assign rights to the Sponsor under the terms of this Release;

- (2) I grant to the Sponsor, for no additional consideration, non-exclusive, world-wide rights in the Work to (i) review the Work and disclose it to all judges for the Contest, as well as any advisors, consultants or staff members of the Sponsor, whether or not an employee of the Sponsor; (ii) to print or otherwise publish the Work and make it available to the general public, whether by itself or as part of a compilation of works, during the full term of its copyright and all renewals thereof, whether the Work is selected as a winner of the Contest or otherwise; (iii) to create a derivative work based on the Work in the form of an audio recording; and to perform the Work in connection with the Ridgefield Library's "Love Your Library" Event.

- (3) I will indemnify the Sponsor against all suits and all manner of claims, damages, costs, proceedings and expenses, including attorney's fees, which the Sponsor may incur on the grounds that (i) the Work is a violation of any proprietary right or copyright of another, (ii) the Work contains any subject matter that is libelous, scandalous or libelous or otherwise unlawful, or (iii) I have breached any provision of this Release; and

- (4) This Release shall be governed in all respects by the substantive law as of the State of CT without regard for conflict of law principles and may be pleaded as a full and complete defense to, and may be used as the basis for an injunction against, any action, suit or other proceeding which may be instituted, prosecuted or attempted in breach of it.

Signed by:

Date: _____

Print Name of Signatory: _____

Play Title: _____

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