



**REFLECTING ON 2020**

Do you think you're the next William Shakespeare, John Green, or Angie Thomas? Would you like a chance to share your original story or poem with the world? If so, you should enter the Akron-Summit County Public Library's Teen Creative Writing Contest! 2020 has been a unique year that has impacted us all. From social justice issues, to a once in a lifetime deadly pandemic, it has been quite a challenging year. We invite submitters to reflect on 2020 in their stories or poems, but all topics and ideas are welcome. Five winners will receive a \$25 gift card to Barnes and Noble, and all authors who submit acceptable entries will get to see their writing in the Akron-Summit County Public Library Creative Writing Contest Collection.

**RULES:**

1. All entries must be the original work of the submitter.
2. Submitters must be in grades 6-12 in the 2020-2021 school year.
3. There is a limit of three entries per submitter.
4. Entries are due by March 1, 2021.
5. Entries should be no longer than 20 pages.
6. All works longer than two pages must be typed in a Microsoft Word or Google document and submitted electronically via email. (When using Google Docs, please ensure that you give the library staff permission to view your work.)
7. All handwritten entries must be printed and legible.
8. All entries will be included in the Akron-Summit County Public Library Creative Writing Contest Collection at the discretion of library staff. Each submitter with an acceptable entry or entries will receive a complimentary copy in either a print or electronic format. Entries will not be returned, so make a copy!
9. Five entries will be selected as "Judges Choice" award winners. These authors will receive a \$25 Barnes and Noble Gift Card.
10. Whether you are submitting a paper entry or an electronic version, all submissions must contain the information on the submission form below.



\* It usually takes a few months for all of the entries to be typed, edited and put into the collection.

**AKRON-SUMMIT COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY 2020-2021 CREATIVE WRITING CONTEST**

**SUBMISSION FORM:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade 2020-2021 \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Title of Story or Poem: \_\_\_\_\_

If you have questions, please contact the Main Library Teen Department at 330.643.9067 or [ysodiv@akronlibrary.org](mailto:ysodiv@akronlibrary.org)

**ENTRY SUBMISSIONS:**

By email to [ysodiv@akronlibrary.org](mailto:ysodiv@akronlibrary.org)

By mail to **Akron-Summit County Public Library**  
**Susan Russ, Youth Services Office**  
**60 S. High Street**  
**Akron Ohio 44326**

Or turn it in at any branch location or the Teen Department at the Main Library.



