

CARMEL CLAY PUBLIC LIBRARY FOUNDATION



THE GUILDED LEAF CREATIVE WRITING CONTEST

Who is eligible?

- ▶ All Carmel and Clay Township residents who are in grades 9-12 in the school year

Where can I find an entry form?

- ▶ The Young Adult Desk of the Carmel Clay Public Library
- ▶ Online at <http://www.carmel.lib.in.us/teens/teens.cfm>

What are the contest guidelines?

- ▶ Entries must be original and unpublished and can be in the format of a short story, essay, poem or play, etc. - let your imagination flow.
- ▶ Entries will be judged on creativity, clarity, and other elements of literary quality as well as attention to details such as correct spelling, punctuation, and grammar.
- ▶ Entries should have a title and must be word-processed, 12 pt. font, Times New Roman, double-spaced and limited to 1500 words.
- ▶ While we know Carmel has some fabulous writers who may have several selections to submit, we are only able to accept one entry per person.
- ▶ For judging purposes, please put your name on the entry form only and not on the actual piece.
- ▶ By submitting an entry, you have given Carmel Clay Public Library and/or Carmel Clay Public Library Foundation permission to reproduce your work - it may be published for the event.
- ▶ Entries that do not meet these guidelines will not be considered .

What else do I need to know?

- ▶ Please consider your audience - your work will be reviewed and judged by Library Guild members and the winning entries will be read by *The Guilded Leaf Book & Author Luncheon* attendees.

When is the deadline?

- ▶ Entries must be submitted no later than Monday, September 10, 2018 by 9:00 p.m.

When will the winner be announced?

- ▶ The winners will be contacted by October 5, 2018 and acknowledged at the Luncheon on October 18, 2018.
 - **First place will receive** A Certificate of Achievement, a \$250 Barnes & Noble gift card **and** 2 tickets to *The Guilded Leaf Book & Author Luncheon*.
 - **Second place will receive** A Certificate of Achievement, a \$100 Barnes & Noble gift card **and** 2 tickets to *The Guilded Leaf Book & Author Luncheon*.
- ▶ Please staple the entry form to your writing, place in a sealed envelope addressed to Carmel Clay Public Library Foundation, The Guilded Leaf Creative Writing Contest and either:
 - Mail to : --or-- ■ Hand deliver to:
55 4th Ave S.E. Young Adult Desk of the
Carmel, IN 46032 Carmel Clay Public Library

Who should I contact for more information?

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