

## **FLASH FICTION WRITING CONTEST**

MARY WOOD WELDON MEMORIAL LIBRARY

SUMMER READING 2023: All Together Now

We want to celebrate this year's Summer Reading theme, All Together Now, by encouraging you to share your stories of community, family, kindness, and service. Flash fiction is the art of writing a compelling fictional tale in just a few words. So, send us your best. Contest information and rules are below.

Contest period: June 1-30

Open to ages 16 and up

Writers must live in the service area of Mary Wood Weldon Memorial Library.

Employees of Mary Wood Weldon Memorial Library and their immediate family members are not eligible to win prizes.

Length: Stories should be a maximum of 1,000 words in length. Submissions falling outside this length will be disqualified. Stories must be typed, double-spaced, and in a standard font such as Calibri, Arial, or Times New Roman.

Stories must be submitted no later than closing time on June 30 (4:00 p.m. CST). Submissions may be made at the library; by mail to Mary Wood Weldon Memorial Library, Flash Fiction Contest, 1530 S. Green St., Glasgow, KY 42141; or by email to [atollison@weldonpubliclibrary.org](mailto:atollison@weldonpubliclibrary.org). (Copy and paste into the body of the email please. No attachments.)

All stories must be the original work of the person whose name is listed on the submission form. Do not use Chat GPT or any other AI. Plagiarism will result in disqualification.

Judging will be based on originality, style, development, flow, use of language, and overall effectiveness. Judges will use the same criteria to judge each work. Decisions of the judges will be final.

Prizes: First prize, \$25.00 gift card; Second prize, \$20.00 gift card; Third prize, \$15.00 gift card.

The ownership of any submission remains the property of the writer, but entry into the competition constitutes the entrant's permission and consent, without compensation, for Mary Wood Weldon Memorial Library to use, reproduce, transmit, post, distribute, adapt, edit, and/or display the submission.

Prizes will be awarded in a special presentation at Mary Wood Weldon Memorial Library on July 20 at 5:30 p.m. We will also have a reading by selected writers, or by all entrants if time allows.

**FLASH FICTION WRITING CONTEST Entry Form**

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**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Title of Story:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Word Count:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Statement of Integrity:** This story is wholly my own work and is not copied from any other source.

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_