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**Waldport Public Library Young Writers' Competition 2021 "Reading Colors Your World"
Fiction or Non-Fiction**

Application & Contestant Agreement

NEW SUBMISSION DEADLINE: Thursday, April 8, 2021, on or before 5 p.m.

ZOOM AWARDS ANNOUNCEMENT: Thursday, April 22, 2021, 5:30 p.m.—Prizes picked up at:

Waldport Public Library Porch Pick Up (Monday – Saturday, 10 a.m. – 3.m.)

Drop off entries at: **Waldport Public Library, P.O. Box 1357, 460 Hemlock, Waldport, OR 97394, 541 563-5880, or waldportlibrary@waldportlibrary.org**

Contestant: _____ DOB/Grade: _____

Entry Title: _____ Word Count: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ email: _____

RULES AND GUIDELINES

Deadline for submissions is **Thursday, April 8, 2021**, by 5 p.m. All entries must be in final draft, typewritten with word count between 800 and 1500 words. Submissions may be brought to the Waldport Library, mailed, or sent electronically. Contestants may write fiction or non-fiction biographies for the theme **"Reading Colors Your World—This past year, is one of the most historic years of all time. Now is your chance to add to that history by telling your story of how the events of 2020-21 has changed and/or inspired your life."** Contestants are reminded that content and audience are a factor in judging.

The 2021 prompt is based on this year's **Summer Reading Program** theme and asks the writer to tell a fiction or non-fiction account of what it was like going through this past year during COVID, quarantine, distance learning, masks, loss, grief, political upheaval, equality and racism protests, disasters . . . and moments of kindness and joy. ***This essay, could also be used as a personal essays (biography) for college or scholarships. Or you can re-work your personal essay for this competition to fit the theme and word count.***

Fifth grade to high school students (fifth grade will be scored as middle school) in public, private, online or homeschool must live in Lincoln County, OR to be eligible for the competition.

Judging is based on standard and current grading standards. Each piece is given a numeric score from 1 (one being low) to 6 (six being high) based on the following criteria: **Ideas and Content, Organization, Voice, Word Choice, Sentence Fluency, Conventions, Word Count, and Prompt/Audience.**

Only the title, contents, and word count will be read by the judges. Each entry viewed by the judges is given a code to make sure that the entry remains anonymous. Judges, in turn, remain anonymous to contestants. **Waldport Library staff members do not judge entries.**

Winners will be announced at the online ZOOM Awards' Ceremony on **Thursday, April 22, 2021**. Awards will be announced online with Prize distribution to be determined depending on global health circumstances.

Cash Prizes will be given out for the following: one (1) overall Grand Prize, \$200; one (1) high school first prize, \$100; one (1) high school second prize, \$75; one (1) first prize middle school, \$100; one (1) second prize middle school, \$75; one (1) honorable mention, \$50. Participation prizes will be given to each contestant.

Contestant's Signature _____ **Date:** _____

Parent/Guardian Permission (If under 18 years old): "I give my permission for my child/ward to participate, and to allow the Waldport Library to publish my child/ward's photo(s) and entry, and/or use online/media for publicity."

Printed Name: _____ Signature: _____

Relationship: _____ Phone & email: _____

