



## Enter your best fiction story, memoir, or poem in the 8<sup>th</sup> annual Jackson County Public Library Writing Contest!



1. The contest is open to residents of Jackson county in grade 8 and up. This includes college students and adults. Prizes will be awarded in four categories: grades 8 – 10, grades 11 – 12, and adult.
2. Your entry may be a story, memoir, or poem no longer than 2500 words.
3. Keep it family friendly. Winners will be reading their work aloud to a family audience.
4. Your entry can be handwritten or typed. If handwritten, please make sure we can read it. If typed use standard margins and Times New Roman font.
5. No plagiarism! Please do not copy a story from another source. We want YOUR great writing, not someone else's.
6. Fill out the attached entry form. The entry form must be attached to the front of your entry. No form – no entry. Sorry!
7. **DO NOT** write your name on your entry. Your entry will be disqualified if your name is on it. The entry form provides your name and contact information and must be attached to your entry.
8. One entry per person per category.
9. Return your entry to the Ripley or Ravenswood Library. (Teachers: You may collect your students' work and submit their stories to the library in one envelope. Just be sure each entry has an entry form attached.) Or you may mail your entry to:  
Writing Contest  
Jackson County Library  
208 North Church Street  
Ripley, WV 25271
10. **Deadline for submissions is 3:00 p.m. on Sat., Oct.21<sup>th</sup>, 2017.**  
Call 304-372-5343 for more details.
11. This year's theme is family. It can be a story about your family, the family you always wanted, people you consider family, or any skeletons in your closet.

