

WRITING ENTRIES

- ▶ Submit an original poem or short story.
- ▶ Poems: Up to 20 lines.
- ▶ Short stories: Up to 1,200 words.
- ▶ Professional writers review entries on the basis of originality, style, general presentation and evidence of skill commensurate with the age of the writer.

ART ENTRIES

- ▶ Submit a high-quality image of your original photograph or drawing. For recommendations, visit expressions.pcls.us
- ▶ Professional artists review entries on the basis of composition, evidence of skill commensurate with the age of the artist, creativity and effective use of media.

ONLINE SUBMISSION

Enter online at expressions.pcls.us

PAPER SUBMISSION

Turn in two copies of your submission and one entry form to any Pierce County Library.

OR

Mail two copies of your submission and one entry form to:

Our Own Expressions
Pierce County Library System
3005 112th St. E.
Tacoma, WA 98446-2215



piercecountylibrary.org
253-548-3300

This program is offered in partnership with the school district.
The district does not sponsor this activity.

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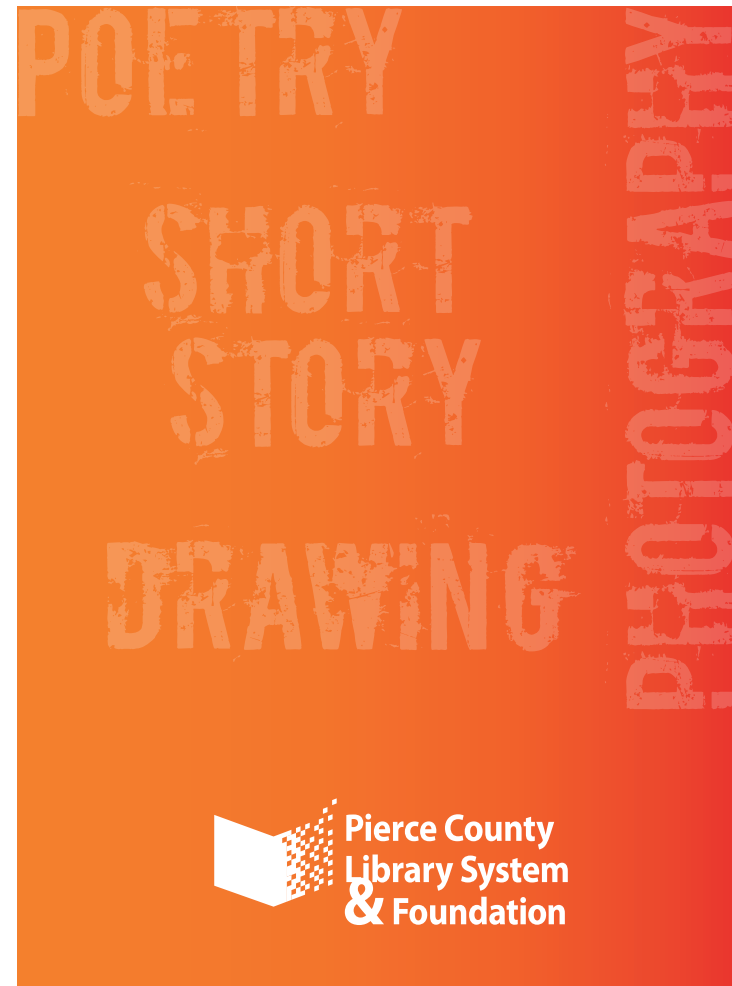
DON'T MISS OUT!

FREE

Jan. 17-Feb. 28, 2022

OUR OWN PRESSIONS

Teen Writing & Art Contest



Enter your poem, short story or artwork in the Pierce County Library System's Teen Writing & Art Contest.

**CONTEST DATES:
JAN. 17-FEB. 28, 2022**

The Pierce County Library Foundation awards prizes in four categories: poetry, short story, photography and drawing. Each category has three age groups: grades 7 and 8, grades 9 and 10, grades 11 and 12.

PRIZES

First Place	\$100
Second Place	\$ 75
Third Place	\$ 50

Contest winners will showcase their work at an awards ceremony in **May 2022**. Award-winning entries will be published in a booklet in print and online.

PRESS
YOURSELF

GUIDELINES

Do:

- ▶ **Submit your entry to the Pierce County Library System by Feb. 28, 2022.**
- ▶ Enter with a team or on your own.
- ▶ Submit only one entry per person or team per category.

Don't:

- ▶ **Put your name anywhere on your submission.**
- ▶ Submit a work that has been published somewhere else.
- ▶ Enter someone else's work as your own.

Remember:

- ▶ All entries become property of the Pierce County Library System and will not be returned.
- ▶ Our Own Expressions is open to any student in grades 7-12 living or attending school in Pierce County.
- ▶ The contest is free to enter.
- ▶ Scanners and copiers are available at any Pierce County Library.
- ▶ View FAQ online at expressions.pcls.us
- ▶ Winning works are published exactly as submitted.
- ▶ Winners' names may appear in the media and in communications.

THREE WAYS TO ENTER

1. Enter online at expressions.pcls.us
No computer at home? Visit any public library or your school library.
2. Turn in two copies of your submission and one entry form to any Pierce County Library.
3. Mail two copies of your submission and one entry form to:

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Complete (please print) one entry form for each entry. All entries become property of the Pierce County Library System and will not be returned. Turn in entry form with **two copies** of your poem, short story, photograph or drawing by **Feb. 28** to: Our Own Expressions, Pierce County Library System, 3005 112th St. E., Tacoma, WA 98446-2215.

Name _____ Zip _____
Address _____ City _____
Phone _____ Email _____
School _____ Age _____ Grade _____ Teacher _____
Entry Type (check one) Poem (line count: _____) Short Story (word count: _____) Photograph Drawing
Is this a team entry? Yes No If yes, list team members _____
Entry Title _____

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at expressions.pcls.us