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OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM 2010

Halton Hills Public Library presents our 2nd annual **INK WRITING PROJECT**,
a creative writing and illustration contest for young people in
grades 4-8 (INKSTERS) and grades 9-12 (INKLINGS).

ABOUT YOU:

NAME: _____

ADDRESS:

Street: _____

City: _____

Postal Code: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

ENTERING GRADE: _____ AGE: _____

SCHOOL: _____

ABOUT YOUR ENTRY:

TITLE OF ENTRY: _____

CATEGORY OF ENTRY: Poem Short Story Illustrated Fiction

Twelve \$50 prizes to be won!

FOR LIBRARY USE ONLY:

DATE: _____

ENTRY NUMBER: _____

**Come to one of our
writing workshops!**

Georgetown: Wed, July 21
2 pm (grades 4-8)
3 pm (grades 9-12)

Acton: Thurs, July 29
2 pm (grades 4-8)
3 pm (grades 9-12)

BASIC RULES:

- **Entrant Eligibility:** All entrants must either reside in or attend school in Halton Hills.
- **Writing Categories:** We accept poetry, short stories, and illustrated fiction.
- **Age Ranges:** There are four age ranges, divided into two groups: Inksters (grades 4-6 and 7-8) and Inklings (grades 9-10 and 11-12). Note: the phrase "grade" denotes the grade you are next entering, with the exception of Grade 12, where it can also denote the grade you just completed.
- **Winners:** Twelve winners will be selected (four age ranges x three writing categories).

SUBMISSIONS:

- **Original Work:** All entries must be the original work of the entrant and must not have been published elsewhere.
- **Entries Limit:** Each entrant is limited to two entries of any kind (e.g. a poem and a short story).
- **Length Limits:** Short stories should be no longer than 1000 words (approximately 4 pages), poetry no longer than 20 lines, and illustrated fiction no longer than 6 pages.
- **Formatting:** All entries must be on 8.5" x 11" (letter) paper. Poetry, short story, and text-only portions of illustrated fiction entries must be typed, double spaced, single-sided, numbered, and paper clipped (not stapled).
- **Illustrations:** We accept both original and reproduced artwork. Entries in the Short Story or Poetry categories must not be illustrated.
- **Title:** The title must only appear on the first page of the work. Title pages should not be included.
- **Entry Form:** Attach a completed entry form to each submission. This form is the only place where your name should appear.
- **Language:** Entries are accepted in English only.
- **Permissions:** Through submitting their work, entrants give permission to use their names and/or images for promotion purposes.
- **Submitting:** Send paper entries to the attention of Children's and Youth Services at either branch:

Halton Hills Public Library
9 Church St.
Georgetown, ON
L7G 2A3

Halton Hills Public Library
17 River St.
Acton, ON
L7J 1C2

DATES AND TIMES:

- Entries are accepted from Friday July 2nd to Friday Sep 3rd, closing at 5 p.m.
- Winners will be notified by Oct. 1st
- All winners will be invited to the Inklings Grand Finale on Tuesday, Oct 26th at 7 p.m.
- Entries not picked up by Nov 30th will be shredded.

WINNING ENTRIES

- All works will be judged anonymously.
- The decision of the judges is final.
- Winning entries will be published on our website and in a booklet. Winners will receive a free copy of the booklet.
- Submissions can be picked up in person at the library following the Grand Finale.
- The first prize winner in the grades 9-12 categories will receive a cash prize of \$50. The first prize winners in the grades 4-8 categories will receive \$50 gift certificates to The Freckled Lion. All entrants will receive a certificate of participation.
- Winners will be asked to submit an electronic copy of their work if possible.

CHECKLIST

- Is there a completed entry form attached to each paper submission?
- Is your entry typed, double-spaced, single-sided, numbered and paper-clipped?
- Is your name on the official entry form only?
- Have you reviewed the rules carefully?