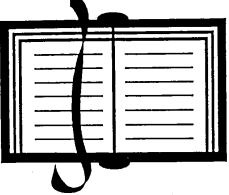


Upper Merion Township Library's 50th (and final) year of the



Write and Illustrate Your Own Book Contest

- ✎ All students in **Kindergarten through Eighth** grades are eligible to enter.
- ✎ All entries **MUST meet requirements** in order to be judged. Any book that does not meet requirements will be disqualified. Please use this check list to make sure your entry has addressed each specific requirement:
 - Books must measure between **8 ½ x 11 to 11 x 13** in size.
 - Each page **must** have a **1 ½ inch margin on the left side** for binding purposes to allow for the spine. Here is an example of what the page margin must look like:
1 ½ inch → Start text and drawings here
 - Each book must have an illustrated front cover with title. The author and illustrator's name must appear on the cover or the title page.
 - Only use one side of the paper (for cover and text pages). Staple or clip pages together on top left side.
 - Include a separate page with the following information on the author and illustrator: **Name, Grade, School, Home address, Home phone number, Birth date** and **Book title**. This page will be removed before a winning book is sent to the bindery.
 - Do not glue or tape anything to pages.
 - Books may be handwritten or typed, but must be the child's own work. Plagiarism is not permitted.
 - Books will be judged on the story flow, creativity, effort to create and illustrations. Grammar and spelling will not be judged.
 - Handmade illustrations are preferred, though computer images are permitted. No copyrighted art, logos, etc.
 - The subject of the book must be appropriate for inclusion in our Children's Collection.
 - One book submission per child.
 - AI generated content is not allowed to be submitted for this contest.
 - Any use of copy written work including quotes, artwork, popular characters, etc. must be acknowledged in a bibliography that includes creator's name or who owns the current copyright as well as where you found the content (book, URL, etc.).
- ✎ **Winners will be chosen in each grade and notified by phone on Monday, February 3, 2025.**
- ✎ Winning entries will be bound and added to the Upper Merion Township Library's book collection. First place winners will receive a bound copy of their book as a keepsake. If you would like to keep a copy of your child's book submission, please make a duplicate before submitting. Only copies of non-winning books will be returned to each child's school.
- ✎ All winners will receive a gift card. If children have collaborated on a book, the prize awarded will be shared. The Write & Illustrate Awards Celebration will be held in February. More information on the specifics of this event will be provided to each winner closer to the date.
- ✎ **There will be two special awards presented:** the **Joane F. McNamara Award** for best story and the **Susan Lomax Award** for best illustrations will be presented at the award ceremony.

The deadline for all entries is **Wednesday, December 11, 2024 by 8pm.**
Please drop your entry off to the UM Township Library Children's Department. This is the last year for this contest, so please make sure to enter and show us your creativity!