

TEEN WRITERS SHOWCASE INFORMATION & ENTRY GUIDELINES



The 2026 **Teen Writers Showcase** run **September 15 - October 31** in the Young Writers Gallery.

Writing Prompt Options

- 1) Write about what libraries means to you. For example, you could write about a personal experience or specific library, share about a person you've met through the library who is meaningful to you, or even create a short story that expresses your thoughts.
- 2) Write about a specific book or author that has impacted you (be sure to credit the work/author). For example, if you really connected with the world of The Hunger Games series, write about your "why." Did your connection with Panem change how you viewed our world or cause you to change your habits? Did you get really into survivalism? Explore your connection with your chosen book.

Additional Guidelines

- Youth Services staff reserve the right to determine qualification for the showcase. Submissions will be reviewed but not edited.
- Submissions must be the writer's original work (fan fiction is allowed if credited to the original creator).
- Each submission should be no more than two 8.5" x 11" pages, be handwritten or typed, and be legible. If typed, font size should be at least 12 pts.
- Writing must be kid-friendly, school-appropriate, and free of offensive and discriminatory language.
- Pieces may include illustrations, but they should make up no more than 25% of the total work and will count toward the two-page limit. All illustrations must be created by the person submitting the piece.
- Submissions must be delivered ready to mount. Library staff will mount the pieces.
- Submissions are displayed in a public space, and the library cannot guarantee against loss or damage.
- **Pieces should be picked up between November 2 and 21** (if you indicated you would like your writing returned). Any writing not picked up by the deadline or scheduled for pick up will become the property of the L.E. Phillips Memorial Public Library.

Contact Youth Services for more information at 715-839-5007 or ysstaff@eauclaire.lib.wi.us.