

## QUEENS BOROUGH PUBLIC LIBRARY

### SHARING STORIES CONTEST RULES

1. Eligibility: This Contest is open to all eligible residents of the United States of America that are eighteen (18) years or older. Employees of the Queens Borough Public Library (the "Library") and immediate family members and/or those living in the same household as an Employee of the Library are not eligible to participate in the Contest. The Contest is subject to all applicable federal, state, and local laws and regulations, and is void where prohibited by law.
2. How the Contest Works (including Period and Location): Entries will be accepted at the branch or online starting on Saturday, February 1, 2020 at 12:00:00 AM and ending Saturday, February 29, 2020 at 11:59:00 PM, EST. Entries can be submitted through an online form provided at <http://connect.queenslibrary.org/5585> or at any branch location using the printed template from Library Staff. If the contestant uses the printed template at a branch location, they must submit it to a Library Staff member. Multiple entries per person are permitted.

After the contest ends, a panel of judges will review all submissions and judge according to the following criteria (the "Criteria"): creativity, originality, and relevance to theme. Plagiarized submissions will be disqualified.

Contestants will be asked to provide their name, email address and phone number, which will be used solely for the purpose of contacting the Contestant if he or she is a winner of the Contest.

#### 3. Winner Selection and Notification:

Winners will be notified via e-mail or phone on or about April 1, 2020. Three (3) winners shall receive a book bundle of five (5) titles curated by Library staff. Each prize has an approximate retail value of eighty dollars (\$80.00). Each Prize does not include any additional costs incidental to winning the prize. Any and all taxes, fees, and surcharges on prizes are the sole responsibility of winner. Prizes are non-transferable and cannot be sold or redeemed for cash. No substitutions of the Prize will be allowed by any winner, but the Sponsor reserves the right to substitute a prize of equal or greater value for the Prize due to unavailability.

Acceptance by any Winner of a Prize constitutes permission for the Library to use that Winner's name, likeness, and entry for purposes of advertising and trade without further compensation, unless prohibited by law.

#### 4. Release: By participating in this Contest, You agree to be fully and unconditionally bound by the Rules, and You represent and warrant that You meet the eligibility requirements. You agree to accept the decisions of the Library as final and binding as they relate to this Contest.

You further represent and warrant that the entry is an original work of authorship, and does not violate any third party's privacy, proprietary or intellectual property rights. If the Library determines, in its sole discretion, that the entry infringes upon the intellectual property right of another party, you will be disqualified from the Contest. If a third party claims that the entry constitutes infringement of any proprietary or intellectual proprietary rights of a third party, You shall, at your sole expense, defend against or settle such claims.

You shall further indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the Library and its trustees, officers, employees, affiliates and assigns from and against any and all liabilities, claims, actions, costs (including reasonable attorneys' fees), expenses, damages and losses that may arise in connection with Your participation in the Contest, including but not limited to allegations of the proprietary or intellectual rights of a third party.

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#### 5. Sponsor: The Sponsor of the Contest is Queens Borough Public Library, 89-11 Merrick Boulevard, Jamaica, New York 11432. No other entities are sponsors of this Contest.