

**Queens Borough Public Library**  
**Imagine Your Story**

**Tell Your Own Tale**

**Rules**

1. Entrants must live or attend school in New York State, but cannot be related to an employee of the Queens Borough Public Library or Queens Public Library Foundation (collectively, the “Library”).
2. Multiple entries per child are permitted.
3. The submitted story must be the author’s original work. Plagiarism will result in immediate disqualification. Only the author of the entry or their parent/guardian can submit their story and it should have only one author. The author of the story must have their parent/guardian’s permission to enter their submission.
4. The submitted story must reflect the weekly prompts. Stories must be in English and cannot be longer than 450 words, not including the title. **The author’s name should appear ONLY on the Entry Form.** The submitted story should not include the author’s name or any personally identifying information. Please double check spelling and punctuation before submitting your work.
5. A typed entry should be submitted online, and must be done at [summerreading.queenslibrary.org](http://summerreading.queenslibrary.org), with the entry form completed in its entirety. Information submitted as part of an entry is subject to the Library’s privacy policy, available at <http://www.queenslibrary.org/about-us/privacy>
6. Any submitted story will be judged in the following categories, according to the grade into which the author will be entering in Fall 2020:
  - a. Grades 2 – 3;
  - b. Grades 4 – 6;
7. The judging criteria will consist of the following elements and considerations:

- a. *Creativity*– The ability for the story to etch itself into the reader’s memory; and how colorful and descriptive is the author’s use of language;
  - b. *Relevance*– Is the story related to prompts?
  - c. *Coherence* – The structure of how the thoughts are presented and whether the story is clear
  - d. The judges’ selections shall be final. No appeal shall be permitted of any determination regarding the merits of any submitted entry.
8. Entries will be accepted between June 24 and July 22. Late entries will not be accepted.
  9. Every week, two entries will be selected in each of the grade categories, 2-3 and 4-6, to be read on Facebook Live on Thursdays at 5pm beginning July 9. By entering your submission, your parent/guardian give the Library permission to publish, broadcast, or distribute your story, including reading your story on Facebook Live.