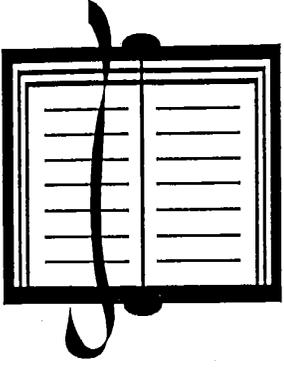


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Write and Illustrate Your Own Book Contest

- ✎ 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:
 - Include a separate page with the following information on the author and/or illustrator: **Name, Grade, School, Address, Phone Number, Birth date and Book Title**. This page will be removed before a winning book is sent to the bindery.
 - Books may be handwritten or typed, but must be the child's own work. Plagiarism is not permitted.
 - Grammar and spelling will not be judged.
 - Subject of the book must be appropriate for inclusion in our Children's Collection.
 - Handmade illustrations are preferred though computer images are permitted.
 - Each book must have an illustrated front cover including author and illustrator's name.
 - Books must not measure more than **13 inches wide x 11 inches high** in total 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 margins should look like:

1 ½ inch →

Once upon a time in a faraway land, there lived a very clever boy.

- ✎ **Winners will be chosen in each grade and notified by phone on Monday, November 21, 2016.**
- ✎ 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; (winner provides a second copy for this purpose). Copies of all winning books **must be returned to the library no later than Wednesday, January 4, 2017.**
- ✎ All winners will receive a gift certificate. If children have collaborated on a book, the prize awarded will be shared.
- ✎ **Two special awards:** The Joane F. McNamara Award for best story and the Susan Lomax Award for best illustrations will be presented at the award ceremony. Winners of these two awards will each receive a \$50.00 check and a \$50.00 gift certificate.
- ✎ The contest award gift cards were made possible by a generous grant from the Upper Merion Township Board of Community Assistance.
- ✎ All contestants are invited to the **2016 Awards Presentation** where they can pick up their book and a certificate of recognition. The ceremony will be held at **1:00pm on Sunday, December 4, 2016**, in Freedom Hall (located in the Township Building across from the library). Authors who attend Upper Merion Township schools and are not present at the ceremony will receive their books from their school librarian. All other books may be picked up in the Children's Department of the Township Library.

**The deadline for all entries is
Wednesday, October 19, 2016.
Please drop them off to the UM
Township Library before 9pm.**



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