

Let's Get Spooky

Creative Writing Contest

In Mexico, they have Día de los Muertos or Day of the Dead. In the United States, we have Halloween – the official unofficial holiday to celebrate all the creepy crawly bumps in the night with a sugary high from troves of candy. With the belief that October 31st (through November 2nd) is a time where the barrier between living and dead is weakest thus allowing the dead to visit the living, Halloween is the time all sounds gain an extra goosebump and black cats are avoided at all costs. Horror writers such as Edgar Allen Poe, Stephen King, Mary Downing Hahn, and H.G. Wells all seem to breath this atmospheric gloomy on a daily basis, but October is a month for everyone to glory the more twisted side of human nature. Think you can be the next horror writer?

Creative Writing Contest Details:

- Submission does not need to have ghosts, goblins, black cats, etc, but it does need to be spooky in nature.
- The work can be written in 1st or 3rd person narrative.
- The work should be between 500 to 1000 words; double spaced.
- The essay should be submitted as an attachment and sent to Rose Slike at rslike@clarionfreelibrary.org. All documents should include the student's first and last name, their school, grade, and a guardian's contact number.
- 3 judges will review the pieces and select the winners.
- One winner will be selected from Grades 3rd – 6th, Grades 7th – 9th, and Grades 10th – 12th equaling a total of 3 winners with a runner up for each group as well.
- All submissions will be published on the library website.
- 1st place will each receive a skeleton award.

Submissions are due: October 31st, 2023

Winners will be notified toward the end of November