



The Friends of Robert Trail Library
Dakota County Robert Trail Library

Rules for the 3rd Annual ArtBlast Writers' Contest

The Rosemount Area Arts Council and Friends of Robert Trail Library are excited to present our 3rd Annual ArtBlast Writers' Contest. This contest is for amateurs and the stories must all be originals – never before published or submitted to the ArtBlast Writers' Contest.

There will be three categories, divided by the writers' age groupings:

1. Youth in Grades 3 through 7
2. Youth in Grades 8 through 12
3. Adults

Entries from all categories must be emailed to rosemountarts@gmail.com by June 5, 2019. Include name, grade completing in June 2019 for Youth categories, address, and phone number.

Winners will be announced on June 25, 2019, following the melodrama at Rosemount's Central Park Amphitheater during ArtBlast. Winners need not be present to receive their prize.

Guidelines:

1. For grades 3-7:

- a. There is no minimum or maximum number of words.
- b. Double-spaced, 12-point Cambria, Calibri or Times Roman font or hand-written
- c. Use one of the following starter phrases: (these may be changed from first person to third person)
 - i. I opened a fortune cookie and, instead of my fortune, there was a map...
 - ii. At first I thought it was a cat, but it was...
 - iii. Sitting at the end of the dock, with my feet dangling in the water....
- c. Email entry to rosemountarts@gmail.com by June 5, 2019, include name, grade completing in June 2019, address, phone, or mail entry to RAAC, P.O.Box 409, Rosemount, MN 55068

2. For grades 8-12:

- a. Minimum number of words: 1200 Maximum number of words: 3000
- b. Use one of the following starter phrases: (these may be changed from first person to third person)
 - i. I crouched behind the car, trying not to make a sound. . .
 - ii. I was walking in the mall when I saw a mannequin in the shop window that looked just like me, and then, it blinked...
 - iii. I was walking in the park when a shadow seemed to follow my path....
- c. Email entry to rosemountarts@gmail.com by June 5, 2019, include name, grade completing in June 2019, address, phone

3. For adults:

- a. Minimum 2400 words Maximum 5,000 words
- b. Double-spaced format, 12 point Cambria, Calibri or Times Roman font.
- c. Email entry to rosemountarts@gmail.com by June 5, 2019, Include name, address, phone

In a short story, the main character –

- faces a particular problem or set of circumstances (conflict)
- attempts to meet the demands of the situation
- fails or succeeds in doing so, and
- experiences a definite outcome of the failure or success

Prizes:

Youth gr 3-7: Barnes and Noble Gift Card
1st \$50 2nd \$25 3rd \$10

Youth gr 8-12: Barnes and Noble Gift Card
1st \$75 2nd \$50 3rd \$25

Adult: Barnes and Noble Gift Card

1st \$100 2nd \$75 3rd \$50

For more information or questions, contact Ann Loch at Rosemountarts@gmail.com