

2014 Short, Short Spooky Story Contest Rules

The Library District invites amateur writers of all ages to enter.

Contest Requirements:

- **Who can enter:** Anyone age 6 and older who lives in the PRPLD boundary area.
- **Categories by age:** Ages 6-8; Ages 9-12; Ages 13-17; Ages 18+
- **Prizes** in each age category are DBA Downtown Bucks gift cards: 1st place \$40; 2nd place \$30; 3rd place \$20.
- **Format:** The word count must be a minimum of 500 and a maximum of 1000, and submitted as an attached MS Word document file.
- **Submit by email to:** librarycontest@poudrelibraries.org
- **Submissions accepted:** September 5 - October 5, 2014 (No late submissions will be accepted.)
- **Story submission must include:** a title for the story, the writer's name and age, and phone and/or email address.
- **Maximum number of submissions:** 1
- Winners will be announced at the "Spooky Stories in Library Park" event on October 30, 2014 at 6:30 pm in Library Park.
- Contest entries will be combined to create an eBook of stories that will be promoted and available for download on the Library's website and may be adapted to additional formats in the future. At no point is authorship credit removed.
- By submitting an entry, you acknowledge that any contest entries become licensed in perpetuity to the Poudre River Public Library District and its partners via a Creative Commons 3.0 Attribution, Share Alike license (<http://creativecommons.org/licenses/by-sa/3.0/>).

Judging criteria:

- Does the story fit the contest requirements?
- Does the story "scare" the reader?
- Is the story creative in its subject matter or view?
- Does the story stand out from the crowd?
- Does the story have unintended grammatical flaws that detract from the story?

There will be 3 judges. Each story will receive a maximum of 5 points from each judge within each category. Thus the highest score possible would be 25 points. Ties will be broken by the judges.

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