

Painting Portal Short Story Contest

ENTRY FORM

Warren Public Library

Do you like to tell stories? If yes, then this contest is for you.

WHAT: You find a painting that acts as a portal to another world. Write a story about your journey through the painting and the colorful adventures you have on the other side. Start your story with the prompt: “My painting portal journey began when...”.

WHO: For ages five to eleven (5–11).

PRIZES: Three winners will each receive a \$30 Chloe’s Creamery gift card. Entries will be judged by age categories (5-6; 7-9; 10-11). One winner in each age category will win a gift card.

DUE DATE: Submitted stories should be accompanied by the Writer Information Page and are **due** into the Children’s Department by **July 7**. Entries will be judged and winners notified by July 15. Turn it in to the attention of Children’s Librarian Susan Slater.

DIRECTIONS:

- The length of the story should be between one to three pages.
- Stories should be typed or neatly handwritten. Younger children can dictate to an adult.
- All submissions should begin with a title page. The title page should contain the title of the story, the author’s name and a possible illustration. Illustrations are not necessary to win, but they do provide a nice visual. Additional illustrations are welcome, but not mandatory.
- Your story should have an obvious beginning, middle and end.
- Above all else your story must be an original – created entirely by YOU.
- Fill out the attached Writer Information Page and turn it in with your story.
- Turn your story in to the library by **July 7** or email it to Susan Slater at sslater@warrenlibrary.org. If you do not receive an email confirmation call Ms. Susan (814) 723-4650 x126.
- Winning stories might be published on the Warren Public Library’s social media or website.



Writer Information Page

Please turn this page in with your story.

Name: _____ Age: _____

*Parent's name: _____

Phone number: _____

School/cyber school/homeschool? _____

What is your favorite thing to do? _____

What is your favorite book? _____

What is your favorite animal? _____

*As a parent or guardian of this child, I give permission for my child to participate in this contest. I also give permission for my child's story to be published in the Warren Times Observer and/or Warren Public Library social media or website.

Signature of parent or guardian

_____ Date: _____

