

# WRITE THIS! 2019

## THE UNIVERSE NEEDS YOUR STORY

### YOU MAY ENTER THE CONTEST IF YOU:

- Will enter grade 6-12 in Fall 2019
- Use Harford County Public Library

### HOW TO ENTER:

- In person at any HCPL location
- Electronically to [writethiscontest@hcplonline.org](mailto:writethiscontest@hcplonline.org)
- Deadline for entries is 11:59 pm on Thursday, August 15, 2019
- Only one entry per participant per category
- All entries must be written by one author (no co-authored stories/poems)

### THE MANUSCRIPT:

- All entries must be accompanied by a completed and signed permission slip
- Entries must be typed, or written legibly, in English
- Include a title page with the following: author's name, grade, and title of work
- Include the title and page number in the upper right-hand corner of every page, except the title page
- The author's name should not appear anywhere other than the title page
- Please do not submit your only copy

### CONTENT REQUIREMENTS:

#### *All Entries:*

- Writers must select **one** place, **one** person, and **one** item from HCPL's Write This! 2019 Detail Chart for inclusion in their story or poem
- Illustrations can accompany the work, but will not impact the judging in any way
- The written piece must be an original work

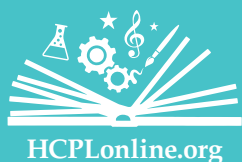
#### *Short Story Entries:*

- Must not exceed 1,000 words
- Can be a complete story, or the first chapter/segment of a longer story

#### *Poetry Entries:*

- Must have a minimum of 15 lines
- Cannot exceed 3 pages (Please note: multiple poems can be submitted in one entry)

**NEED MORE INFO:** Send questions to [writethiscontest@hcplonline.org](mailto:writethiscontest@hcplonline.org)



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## WRITE THIS! 2019 DETAIL CHART

PLACE	PERSON	ITEM
Flea Market	Time Traveler	Antique Wind Chimes
Waiting Room	Surfer	Opal Ring
Playground Next to the Highway	Ice Cream Truck Driver	Chocolate Ice Cream Cone with Sprinkles
Dark, Damp Space Capsule	One-Eyed Smiling Green Alien	Box Marked "DO NOT OPEN"
Grocery Store	Astronaut with a Torn Suit	Box of Lucky Charms®
Empty Aquarium	Octopus Handler	Antique Store Receipt with a Phone Number on the Back
On Stage in a Theater	Actor with Forgotten Lines and Allergies	Bouquet of Flowers
Under the Moonlit Sky	Homeless Woman	Stale, Half-Eaten Can of Pringles®
Rotating Sushi Bar	Retired Broadway Star	Van with a Wizard Painted on the Side
Karaoke Bar	Dancer Who Does Not Particularly Like Dancing	Really Tight Pants
Antique Book Store	Elegant Lady Dragon, Friendly or Not	Lady's Embroidered Hanky