

## 2022 Salem Reads

# Voices of the Past

Writing Contest for Teens and Adults

A short story contest with three cash prizes  
in each of two categories:

Teen (grades 6 to 12) and Adult (18+)

**1st: \$50**

**2nd: \$20**

**3rd: \$10**

Blend family lore with imagination as you write an original, fictitious entry into the diary of one of your grandparents (or similar ancestor). It can be from any time period and tell any story from their lives. Share with readers the flavor and life of the people who helped shape you!

Stories should be 200-800 words

Entries can be submitted starting on January 10.

All entries must be received

No later than 7 p.m.

**Thursday, February 10, 2022**

**Enter at:**

**<https://bit.ly/SR-Writing2022>**

(see reverse for alternate means of entering)



Winning entries and select runners up will be read at the Awards Event at  
11 a.m.-12 p.m. Saturday, February 26 on Zoom.

More information is available from [www.cityofsalem.net/library](http://www.cityofsalem.net/library) or 503-588-6315.

## GUIDELINES FOR ENTRIES

- Each writer may submit no more than 2 stories.
- Writers must live in the Salem area and/or attend a Salem area school.
- Stories must not exceed 800 words.
- Uploaded stories must be in PDF format.
- Work must be wholly original. Stories with plagiarized content will be disqualified from the contest.
- The title of the story must be printed at the top of each page.
- Each submission must be accompanied by a completed Google entry form. Your name should NOT appear anywhere on the story.
- Anyone unable to submit through the Google form has the option to (1) email the story and along with name, phone, and story title to [ssomerville@cityofsalem.net](mailto:ssomerville@cityofsalem.net) or (2) submit a hard copy of their story along with a printed entry form to any Salem Public Library Ask Me Desk.
- Each entry must be typed on 8.5" by 11" paper.
- Entries are judged on originality, voice, and overall impression.
- Stories will not be returned at the end of the contest.

## ENTRY FORM

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Entries are limited to writers from the Salem, OR area. My completing this entry, I am indicating that my household is located in the Salem, OR area.  Yes

I affirm that this submitted work is my original work and was created only by me.  Yes

Story Title: \_\_\_\_\_

I am entering this contest as  Teen (grade 6-12) or  Adult (age 18+)

For teen writers:

School: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade in School: \_\_\_\_\_

Salem Public Library has my permission to use this submitted story for publication in any of its print or electronic formats.  Yes  No

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_