

MARIBYRNONG YOUNG WRITERS COMPETITION

Conditions of Entry

Entries open 12am, 20 October – 11.59pm, 5 December 2021

Young writers are invited to enter their short story into the Maribyrnong Young Writers Competition. The writing competition is being held as a partnership between the Rotary Club of Yarraville and the Maribyrnong Library Service. All entrants must be a member of the Maribyrnong Library Service. All entrants must be between the ages of 6-16, may be required to provide proof of age and must submit only one entry.

Entries can be submitted via:

- Library branch - Hard copy entries may be placed in a book return chute at one of the five Maribyrnong Library branches (Footscray, Braybrook, West Footscray, Maribyrnong, Yarraville)
- Online at www.maribyrnong.vic.gov.au/library/ywc2021entry

The competition has 3 entry categories. Entrants may enter once: either a short story in text, or a graphic short story.

Category 1: 6-8 years old
max 500 words for short story or 3 pages for graphic short stories

Category 2: 9-12 years old
max 1000 words for short stories or 5 pages for graphic short stories

Category 3: 13-16 years old
max 1500 words or 10 pages graphic short stories

Format

Each story must be accompanied with an entry form. Short stories may be typed or hand written, comic stories may be hand drawn or created digitally. Please number each page.

Closing dates

Entries close at 11.59pm Sunday 5 December 2021

Prizes

Short stories and graphic short stories will be judged separately. A prize will awarded for the winners of both short stories and graphic short stories in each category.

Category 1: \$100 book voucher

Category 2: \$125 book voucher

Category 3: \$150 book voucher

The winning stories will be decided by a judging panel. The library will contact the winning entrants after judging is finalised.

All winning entries, along with a selection of highly commended entries, will be published in an anthology, to be launched in February 2022. Details to follow.

Rights of organisers

Hard copy entries will not be returned

Organisers reserve the right to withdraw any unsuitable entry

The Rotary Club of Yarraville and Maribyrnong City Council reserve the right to publish and display the names of winning authors and entries for promotional purposes

Acceptance of any entries that do not meet the entry criteria is at the discretion of the judging panel

The judging panel's decisions are final.