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**NEWS RELEASE**

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**20<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY!!!!**

**IT'S ALL WRITE:**

**ANNUAL SHORT STORY WRITING CONTEST  
FOR AREA HIGH SCHOOL AND MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS  
YOU COULD BE ONE OF THIS YEAR'S WINNERS!**

**Entries Accepted Through Friday, March 16**

This year, the Ann Arbor District Library celebrates its 20<sup>th</sup> year of **Its All Write** the annual short story contest for high school and middle school students. The contest features **\$1500 in prizes** to be distributed among nine lucky winners! Last year, over 350 students participated. This year's winner could be YOU!

Short stories may be submitted until Friday, March 16 at 9:00 p.m. This is a great way for young writers to test their skills!

**JUDGING**

A panel of published authors will judge the short stories. Winners will be announced on Saturday, May 12 at a special event at the Downtown Library featuring author Caitlin Horrocks, who was one of our 1997 Short Story contest winners!

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## PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded to first-place (\$250 cash awards), second-place (\$150 cash awards) and third-place (\$100 cash awards) finishers in three categories ó

- 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grades
- 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grades
- 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grades

All winning stories will be published in a final booklet and on the aadl.org website.

Funding for the awards is furnished by the Friends of the Ann Arbor District Library.

## CONTEST RULES

Complete rules may be found on the Library website at [aadl.org/events/contests](http://aadl.org/events/contests). The contest is open to all 6 ó 12<sup>th</sup> graders. You must submit your entry electronically by emailing entries to: [allwrite@aadl.org](mailto:allwrite@aadl.org) - please see contest rules for complete submission guidelines.

Entries must be received by the Library by Friday, March 16. Again, for more information and complete guidelines, visit [aadl.org/events/contests](http://aadl.org/events/contests).

For more information, please call the Downtown Library Youth Desk at 327-8301 or visit [aadl.org/events/contests](http://aadl.org/events/contests).

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