

SCARY STORIES WRITING CONTEST

ENTRY FORM

Authors must be in grades 3-5. | Your story must be set in our eerie town of Lake Zurich.

Your story should not exceed 750 words. | All stories must be original. | Illustrations are optional.

Attach this form to your story. | Stories **must** be received by 9pm on October 1st at the Children's desk.

Name _____

Title of Your Story _____

Age: _____ Grade: _____ Phone # _____

Email _____

By entering the contest you acknowledge and accept that your original story may be read by a librarian at our Scary Stories to Tell in the Dark program on October 24 at 6:30pm. All authors will receive a small participation prize and the authors of the top three winning stories will receive a ghoulish gift bag. Winners are not required to attend the Scary Stories to Tell in the Dark program and may pick up their prizes at their convenience.



Tips for Writing Your Scary Story:

- **Length:** Your story should include well-developed paragraphs and should not exceed 750 words.
- **Creativity:** Give your scary story a creative and catchy title.
- **Sensory Details:** Include details of sight, sound, touch, taste, and smell to enhance your story.
- **Plot:** Your story should have a beginning, middle, and end.
- Readers are looking for well written and entertaining stories with suspensefulness and originality.
- Ask yourself these questions:
 1. Will my readers be on the edge of their seats?
 2. Will readers want to share my story with others?

