

Gilroy Library Writing Contest

Information and Rules



Family Fables, Family Feasts: Tales Told Around The Table

Good food and good stories are best enjoyed when shared. In a sense, good stories are food for the soul. It is around the family table that we find comfort, learn about ourselves and others, and become connected to the world. Sometimes the tales are tall and sometimes truth can be stranger than fiction but always a delight. Gilroy Library invites you to regale us with a story from your family lore. A reception for writers will be held during National Library Week on April 17, 2010. Winning entries will be posted on the library website.

1. Tell a story from your family lore as a short work of fiction, non-fiction, poetry.
2. Your entry (or an excerpt from a longer work) must be 1000 words or less.
3. All work submitted must be original and created by you.
4. Participants must be registered borrowers of the Santa Clara County Library.
5. People of any age may participate.
6. A maximum of one entry may be submitted by each individual.
7. In order for your entry to be valid, you must also submit a signed copy of the Release/Author Biography Form for our records.
8. All documents must be typed. No hand written entries, please. Make sure that your full name appears on your submission.
9. You may submit your entry as a Word document or electronically in email. If you use email, all the data requested on the application and release must be included as text in the body of your email message or as a Word document or pdf attachment.
10. Entries will be accepted from February 1, 2010 until Sunday, March 21, 2010
11. A review panel that may include local writers, educators, librarians, and other community members will meet in late March. Winners will be announced at a reception held in their honor of the participants during National Library Week on April 17, 2010.
12. Documents will not be returned. Be sure to keep a copy of your work.
13. Employees of Santa Clara County Library, library commissioners for cities served by the County Library, contest panelists/sponsors may participate in the Staff category.
14. Any entry which does not follow the rules as stated above, is incomplete or has documents in formats that are not readily accessible by the library staff or the review panel, will be disqualified.
15. First place winners will receive book store gift certificates.

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