



November 2017

Dear 4th, 5th or 6th Grade Teacher,

It's time for the **19th Annual Kleiman Creative Writing Contest**, presented by the Kendallville Public Library and open to all 4th, 5th, and 6th grade students.

Many of you have completed this contest a number of times, and are familiar with the rules. Here are some suggestions and information about the contest. The complete rules are attached.

Things to look for or look forward to!

1. You **DO NOT** need to do a special piece JUST for this contest—have students pull a current work out of their writing folders to develop, edit, and revise.
2. You can create electronic books, but remind students that neatness counts. They can also draw pictures and import them into a book created in Scribble Press to encourage this. However, they still must be printed out by the contestant or teacher and given to the library by the deadline.
3. **There are AMAZING prizes as usual.**
4. The Contest can be used as a class project (meeting a LARGE number of standards in one project!) incorporating the writing, editing, and illustrating of the books into the curriculum.
5. Classes with 100% participation receive a special **PRIZE** for your classroom.
6. Chance for students to see a multi-step project through to the end.
7. Student's books will all be bound and returned with a participation certificate.
8. **Invite us to your room!** We would LOVE to help present a variety of literary formats, encourage reading and writing, display past winners, explain contest rules and more! Willing to visit multiple times to introduce genres unique traits.
9. Every participant and teacher is invited to an **awards banquet**.
10. TEACHERS are encouraged to participate as well!

To help you learn a little bit more about the contest, I have enclosed the rules and entry form. If you'd like a copy of the information packet for each of your students, or would like to schedule classroom visits, I encourage you to call 260-343-2023 or send me an email at mkaufmann@kendallvillelibrary.org.

All books will be due at the Kendallville Public Library or Limberlost Branch by closing (6pm) on March 23rd, 2018.

2018 Kleiman Creative Writing Contest

Open to Students in the 4th, 5th and 6th Grades

Contest Rules:

- All books must be written and illustrated by the same student using stories and characters that are their original work created during this school year.
- The book must include a front cover, title page and back cover. There is **no minimum or maximum number of pages** (**Graphic Novels and Poetry must have a total of 10 pages including the covers and title page**), unless specified by the individual teacher
- The front cover must include an illustration, the title, and student's name.
- The title page must include an illustration, title, the student's name and the date.
- The back cover is a free choice, but cannot be left blank.
- Books should be made using 8 ½" by 11" sheets of paper. Text should be set within 1" margins.
- A page number is required at the bottom of each page, and can be part of the artwork. See attached illustration for page layout. Do not number the front cover, title page or back cover.
- There must be text on every two page spread (ask for samples if needed). Typed text needs to be at least 12 point font and written text needs to be clear and easy to read. Be creative with your text, play with size and color. Please do not color over text.
- There must be at least one illustration on every two page spread. **Art must be original, but can be created using a computer or iPad. Please do not use clipart or google images as they are not allowed. Drawing art and importing it into a computer or iPad program is encouraged.**
- Please turn in a paper copy of your book: Put the book together in the correct order with the **required entry form** on top. Use a **paper clip** to hold the book together. ****If creating an electronic copy of the book, please have teachers/parents print a copy to turn in. Your teacher may print the entire classes books on provided paper and turn in to the library.**
- **The deadline for all entries is March 23, 2018.** They must be received by closing time (6pm) and may be delivered to either the Kendallville or Limberlost Public Library.
- Entries may be picked up after the Awards Program. The cost of student and teacher meals is underwritten by the Kleiman family.
- See attached sheets for more information.

There will be an author visit that will occur during the awards banquet. The cost for student meals, one guest, and teacher meals will be underwritten by the Kleiman family. All students who participate in the Kleiman Creative Writing Contest will be recognized and works will be displayed.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at the library.

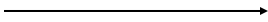
Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Marie Kaufmann".

Marie Kaufmann
Teen Services Manager
Kendallville Public Library

Sample Book Layout Kleiman Creative Writing Contest

***Page Layouts may be vertical or horizontal depending on how you want to design the book**



Book Cover

Must Include:
Title
Student's Name
Illustration

or

Book Cover

Must Include:
Title
Student's Name
Illustration

8 1/2"

11"

Back of Front Cover Blank	Title Page Must Include: Title Student's Name Date Illustration
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or

Back of Front Cover

Blank

Title Page
Must Include:
Title
Student's Name
Date
Illustration

Back of Title Page Blank	Story Begins Text and Illustration 1
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or

Back of Title Page

Blank

Story Begins
Text and Illustration

1

Story Continues Text and Illustration	
2*	3*

or

Story Continues
2*

Text and Illustration
3*

8 1/2" 8 1/2"

11"

2* or 2* = any even numbered page
3* or 3* = any odd numbered page

Sample Book Layout

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Story continues. If the book ends on an even number, that final page will be on the left side of the two page spread, with the opposite side of the back cover on the right.

Back Cover
May Include:
Photo
Illustration
Info about book
Info about author

Cannot be Blank

or

Back Cover
May Include:
Photo
Illustration
Info about book
Info about author

Cannot be Blank

2018 Kleiman Contest Entry Form

Kendallville Public Library

Please type or print legibly

Title of Book: _____

Name of Student: _____

- Fourth Grade
- Fifth Grade
- Sixth Grade

- Male
- Female

Category for judging

- Poetry
- Non-fiction
- Graphic Novel
- Fiction Story book

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ email: _____

Teacher: _____ School: _____

We certify that this entry is an original work and was developed and constructed by the student named above. If this book is found not to be the work of the student named above any prize will be forfeited.

Author/Illustrator Signature

Parent's or Teacher's Signature