

**Wisconsin State Organization's Annual
Mary Jo Nettesheim Memorial
Literary and Illustrator Competition** est. 1984
2024 Contest Information



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| Local Chapter: | Due Date: Feb. 2, 2024 |
| Chapter Contact Name: | Contact's email: |
| Address of where to submit books for judging: | |

Additional Information available:

<https://dkgwso.weebly.com/literary-competition.html>
wsolitcomp@gmail.com

Entrance Requirements

- To enter, a student must attend a Wisconsin school and be in grades 3-12 this school year. Books must be entered at the current grade level.

Book Requirements

- The book must be written and illustrated by **one student**.
- The book should be an **original fiction or an enhanced personal narrative** piece with well-developed characters, setting, and plot.
- Poetry is not accepted.
- Illustrations can be **original** drawings, collages, computer art, paintings or photographs and must be incorporated into the text. (Not just before or after the story.)
- Sources for **non-original** downloaded or scanned artwork **must be documented**.
- Stories may be handwritten or typed computer printouts. Someone other than the author may do the typing and editing. Please proofread the book for errors.
- Books should have an illustrated or designed cover **and a separate title page** just as professionally printed books do. The title page must include the book title and author's name.
- Books should be securely bound.
- Each entry must include an **Official Contest Entry Form** that is attached to the inside back cover of the book.
- The **maximum** number of words are as follows:

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| Grade 3 | 500 Words | Grades 6-8 | 1,000 Words |
| Grades 4 and 5 | 600 Words | Grades 9-12 | 1,600 Words |

Bilingual Spanish and Spanish Entries

- All of the requirements for standard entries apply.
- The book must be written and illustrated by one student.
- It may be written so it contains both Spanish and English text for the Bilingual entries. The author's creativity may allow for both languages to be used together. Spanish entries are written in just the Spanish language.
- Students will write based on their knowledge of Spanish and/or English. Google Translate or other translators are not allowed.

Judges have the right to disqualify any books that do not meet the requirements in any category.

Judging at the Chapter Level

- All books are submitted to the local DKG Chapter for chapter level judging by February 2, 2024.
- The local chapter will set dates for their judging.
- The local chapter will send the finalists to the state level competition.

State Literary Competition Entrance Requirements

- Winning books at the chapter level will be forwarded to the state competition by the local literary committee on/or before March 4, 2024.
- Individual entrants are not allowed to send their books directly to the state level competition. If you need help finding a chapter, email wsolitcomp@gmail.com for instructions for submitting the entry.

Judging

- Books will be judged using the following criteria: story elements, creativity, originality, and mechanics.

State Literary Awards (it may be necessary to change awards):

- 1st Place - Award and \$50 check
- 2nd Place - Award and \$30 check
- 3rd Place - Award and \$20 check
- Honorable Mention- Award and \$10 check
- All entries receive a participation certificate.

State Illustrator Competition Entrance Requirements

- All chapter level winners whose books are submitted to the Literary Competition will also be considered for the Illustrator Competition.

Judging

- The student's grade level will be taken into consideration when illustrations are judged.
- Judging criteria will include originality, appropriateness of illustrations to the text and cover design, continuity, creative use of media and techniques, and neatness.
- All artwork and computer-generated illustrations must include documentation citations, or they will be disqualified.

State Illustrator Award

- Grand Prize – Award and \$30
- 1st Place - Award and \$25 check
- 2nd Place - Award and \$20 check
- 3rd Place - Award and \$10 check
- Honorable Mention- Award and \$10 check
- Honorable Mention and Special Awards – Award and \$10 check

2024 Official Contest Entry Form



Please print this contest page and securely bind it as the LAST PAGE of your book or attached to the INSIDE BACK cover.

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| Book Title: | Book Word Count: |
| Author's Legal Name: | Grade: |
| Author's Address: | Author's Parent's email: |
| Author's City & Zip Code: | Phone Number: |
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| School Name: | Teacher's name: |
| School Address: | Teacher's email: |
| School City & Zip Code: | |
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| My book is <input type="checkbox"/> Fiction, <input type="checkbox"/> Personal Narrative, <input type="checkbox"/> Bilingual Spanish, or Spanish. | By signing below, you are agreeing that you have followed the rules for the competition. You also give permission to DKG to copy all or parts of your book and to use your name, picture, and/or video for publication to promote the Literary Contest. |
| Illustration type/medium used: | |
| Submitted to which local chapter: | |
| Author's Signature: | |
| Parent/Guardian's Printed Name and Signature: | |