

"Universe of Sci-Fi"

Short Story
2019

Short Story Contest
Andover Public Library

Rules and Guidelines

- ◆ Open to grades 8th through Adult
- ◆ Choose one (1) of the numbered writing prompts, build your creative story using that prompt.
- ◆ Writers may enter (2) two stories, each one a different prompt.
- ◆ Each story should be double spaced, in Times New Roman and 12-point font. BLACK INK only.
- ◆ Margins should be set at 1" sides, top and bottom.
- ◆ Blank cover page, No Typing on this page. Last page should be the Title and # of the prompt that was chosen.
- ◆ These pages are NOT included in the final page count.
- ◆ One (1) Staple at the top Left corner. Your Name should **NOT** be on the story.
- ◆ Each story should be no less than 1,500 and no more than 2,000 words. 1,500-2,000 words should be between 6 and 8 double spaced typed pages.
- ◆ ***Be Creative, Inventive, Imaginative, engaging. We are looking for content and originality.
- ◆ ***We are not judging on grammar, punctuation or slight spelling errors. We are looking for your masterpiece.
- ◆ Winner's story will be posted on Andover Public Library's Website and printed for all to read.

Prizes:

Cash and Ribbons awarded for 1st, 2nd & 3rd Places

Ribbon for Honorable Mentions, Certificate of Participation for all

Dates To Remember

Start Date: July 1, 2019

Turn In Date: July 31, 2019

Judging Dates: Aug1- Aug7, 2019 Winner Announced: Aug 9, 2019


Turn over

Story Prompts



1. Sitting silent and watching for centuries, a gargoyle plots its coming escape into the real world.
2. A down and out inventor on the verge of bankruptcy builds a machine that can control the weather.
3. After visiting the dentist, a man finds he's got more than a filling implanted in his tooth when he starts picking up radio signals.
4. The experiment worked! But now there are five of you.
5. Tilling the fields one day, a lonely farmer hatches a plan for an alien hoax that he thinks will bring him fame and fortune—instead it brings him real aliens.
6. A new mom discovers that her baby has superpowers, namely—telekinesis.
7. After buying a used camera on eBay, a photographer sees the same man's face in every one of her photographs.
8. Late one night, an infomercial host has a message for you—and just you.
9. A team of scientists is dispatched to a small Oklahoma town after a tornado strikes the same place at the same time, five days in a row.
10. After his car is struck by lightning, a man discovers that he can control electricity.
11. Digging through an old box in your attic, you come across a calendar from Colonial times that suggests the world will end in three days.
12. A scientist discovers that humans are not the only species with a legitimate claim to planet Earth.
13. Two People wake up in bed together, but in a room in a house neither recognizes nor with any knowledge of what happened the night before.
14. Out on a walk with your dog, you meet a man who says he has a message— from your future self.
15. You are stranded on a deserted island, with a magical rock that will grant two wishes—but the wishes will only affect people off the island.

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