

“Teach me how to read....”

Literacy Contest



Open to All Minorities in these Age groups 7-9, 10-13, 14-17

Participants in the above age groups will write a 1-2 page essay, poem, or story entitled “Teach me how to read...” in which they describe (from their point of view) the importance and benefits of reading.

1 page, double spaced for age groups 7-9 & 10-13. 2 pages, double spaced for ages 14-17.

Individuals 18 and up are allowed to participate in the contest through Poetry, Monologue, Rap/Song or Dramatic Expression. Individuals will perform a 1-3 minute presentation

The contest will be held on Saturday July 27, 2013 from 1-3 pm at the Jones Center for Families in the Auditorium

Winners in each age division will read their work at the Literacy Panel on Thursday August 8, 2013 at 6:30-8:30pm at Ozarks Electric in Fayetteville, AR. Winners & participants will receive certificates and prizes for participating.

Please complete the Entry Form for more information about the event.

This event is sponsored by the Umoja Soul Writers Group, Northwest Arkansas Democratic Black Caucus, Ebony Kids of NWA and the Black Business Directory.

For more information about the Literacy Contest, please contact Leora Jackson at umojasoulnwa@yahoo.com or call 901-340-1966.



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2013 Literacy Essay/Performance Contest

ENTRY FORM

Students: Attach this completed entry form to your essay. *Keep a copy of your essay and this entry form for your records.* Please put your name on all pages of your essay.

PLEASE PRINT

STUDENT NAME: _____ Age: ____ Grade ____
(First) (Last)

ADDRESS: _____ Number
Street Zip

HOME PHONE: (____) _____

EMAIL address: _____

SCHOOL: _____

JUDGING CRITERIA:

Essays **must be typed and double spaced**; Age Groups 7-9 & 10-13 may be typed or **written legibly in ink**. Age Group 14-17 must be typed and double spaced. All entries will be judged on originality and focus on the selected prompt by a panel of community members. Students must write an essay, poem, or story entitled “Teach me how to read...” in which they describe (from their point of view) the importance and benefits of reading.

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Individuals will perform a 1-3 minute presentation to be judged on Physical Presence, Voice & Articulation, Dramatic Appropriateness, Level of Difficulty, and Evidence of Understanding.

Each Age Group Category will have up to 2 winners depending on the number of entries. The winner from each age group will have their paper read at the Literacy Panel on Thursday, August 7, 2013 from 6:30-8:30 pm at Ozark Electric, 3641 W Wedington Dr, Fayetteville, AR 72704

Prizes: Cash Prizes up to \$150 for winners in each age group, \$50 Gift Certificate for 2nd place, Books & Literacy Souvenirs to all participants.

Suggested maximum length:

Ages 7-9 & 10-13: Suggested Maximum 250 words; 12 pt. size type

Ages 14-17: Suggested Maximum 700 words; 12 pt. size type

SIGNATURES:



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We certify that this entry is a new original work and was developed and written by the student.

We give permission for the writer's essay and picture to be reproduced for promotional purposes including publication in the news media. We understand that the objective of this contest is student recognition and that there is no compensation beyond the prizes mentioned.

STUDENT SIGNATURE: _____

PARENT SIGNATURE: _____

To be officially entered, all signatures must be complete when the entry is received.

The DEADLINE for receipt of entries at the Jones Center is:

1:00 PM Saturday, July 27, 2013.

Individuals can mail their essays & Entry Form to: Ebony Kids of Northwest Arkansas, 3805 Legacy Lane, Rogers AR 72758.

QUESTIONS CALL: For more information about the Literacy Contest, please contact Leora Jackson at umojasoulnwa@yahoo.com or call 901-340-1966.



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