

YOUNG WRITERS CONTEST
Roanoke Valley Reading Council

To: Reading Coordinator, Librarian, or English Department Head

Each year the Roanoke Valley Reading Council sponsors a contest aimed at encouraging creative writing in our students. The Young Writers Contest is open to students in grades K-8. We hope this contest will encourage more young writers to stretch their imaginations and get those ideas on paper. We want to give recognition to creative writing as a special accomplishment.

We have noticed over the years that there has been declining participation from the upper grades, particularly grades 6-8. We hope that will change this year. We have eliminated the hardcover binding requirement for grades 4-8. We hope that more students in the upper grades will participate as a result of this change.

Please share this contest information with each of your classroom teachers and with language arts and English teachers. We hope that they will all want to participate. All guidelines for the contest are enclosed, along with judging and criteria forms, which may be copied and used as desired for your school's contest.

If you have any questions concerning this information or the contest, please contact me. Thanks so much for encouraging students to write!

Sincerely,

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