

Writing Contest



"It is in your hands to create a better world for all who live in it."

~ Nelson Mandela

Together we can make the world a better place... one smile, one kind word, one small act at a time. All of us share the responsibility and the opportunity to co-create a better world. These are just two of many popular quotes related to making a better world. What is your story about helping to build a better world? What does it take to be a person who can make a difference?

Storybooks and history books are filled with the struggles and adventures of people, groups, or nations who struggled and worked tirelessly to make their families, their town, their country and/or their corner of the world a more caring, peaceful and happy place.

What is your story? How have you, someone you know personally, someone in the news or someone in history made the world a better place? Was it through hard work and determination? Were there other factors that helped?

The Friends of the Hauppauge Public Library in conjunction with the Hauppauge School District is happy to announce the twelfth annual Writing Contest which will run from Monday, February 6, 2023 through Monday, March 13, 2023.

Students are asked to write about what it takes to make the world a better place. Make sure to include what it took to "make it happen" and write a **story, an essay, poem, or story board (comic strip)** that highlights this concept.

Who is eligible?: Students in grades 1st - 8th attending school in the Hauppauge SD and those attending private or parochial schools served by the Hauppauge Public Library.

Topic: What does it take to make a difference and make the world a better place?

Submissions: All entries must be submitted through **Google Classroom** following the [link](#) with the join code: **hil5v7h**. To keep the entry process efficient, please have students complete Step #1 (Entry Form) and Step #2 (Essay Submission) **at the same time**.

Prizes: 1st, 2nd, and Honorable Mention awards will be given to students in four grade-level groups
1st grade & 2nd grade / 3rd grade & 4th grade / 5th grade & 6th grade / 7th grade & 8th grade



Students who participate will be invited to share their writing pieces during a virtual library celebration.

Rules:

- On the TOP of your entry: your name, address, phone number, grade, teacher's name, school name & address
- Stories, essays, or poems must be typed and double-spaced
- Please give your story, essay, poem, or storyboard a title
- Writing pieces should be **no longer than five (5) typed pages**
- Storyboards can be hand-drawn on one side of a sheet of paper, no larger than 8.5 x 14
- Storyboards should include **both** a picture and **text or speech bubbles** and must be uploaded to the submission assignment
- ALL Entries must be submitted on Google Classroom by **Monday, March 13, 2023**

Please reach out with any questions to:

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