

2012 Young Authors Fiction Festival

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The American Library in Paris

In Collaboration With

The Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators (SCBWI) France

Submission Deadline: 1 April 2012

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES:

PLEASE NOTE: WE CAN ONLY ACCEPT STORIES MEETING THE FOLLOWING GUIDELINES

- 1) **WHO:** All young authors, from Kindergarten/*Grande Section* to Grade 12/*Terminale*, who write in English and who live in Paris and the vicinity.
- 2) **WHAT: ONE** original story per student written **after** September 1, 2011. All stories must:
 - Have a clear beginning, middle, and end;
 - Respect the following **word limit**,
750 words for grades K-5/*GS-CM2*
1000 words for grades 6-12/*college-lycée*
Note: longer pieces will not be accepted
 - Be typed, using Times New Roman or Arial fonts, 12 point, double-spaced, with one-inch (2.5 cm) margins
No handwritten work, illustrations or color print, please.

See the sample story format (page 3) for formatting examples.

- 3) **WHEN:** The deadline for story submissions is **1 April 2012** at midnight. **No late submissions will be accepted.**
- 4) **WHERE:** Submit your stories **only** by e-mail to: **yaff2012@gmail.com**
- 5) **HOW: Please follow these three simple steps:**
 - 1) **In the SUBJECT line of your email, write: Last Name, First Name, grade/class.**
Example: Subject: Smith, Jane, 3rd Grade/CM1.
 - 2) **In the BODY of your email, COPY and PASTE the COVER PAGE (see page 2 of these guidelines) and fill it in.**
We cannot accept any stories without this information.
 - 3) **ATTACH your story to the e-mail as a WORD.doc – NOT a .docx – file. You can also save it as a PDF if you are working on a Mac to maintain your page layout if necessary.**
Use the story title **ONLY** as the document name.

IMPORTANT! PLEASE READ! IMPORTANT! PLEASE READ!

DO NOT include your name anywhere in the story attachment, not in the story text OR in the document name.

Your document name should be your story TITLE only.

We must receive an anonymous copy in order to accept it.

When we receive your story submission, we will send you an e-mail confirmation.

If you do not receive it within 48 hours, we may not have received your story, so please let us know.

- 6) Do not use obscene language – the winning stories will be published and read by people of all ages.
- 7) Join us for the **Young Authors Fiction Festival Celebration** on **Friday 8 June 2012** at The American Library in Paris. The top five stories and Honorable Mentions from each grade/class will be announced. *Finalists will be notified two weeks in advance so they'll be sure to know to come.* But we strongly encourage all participating authors to attend!
- 8) The Young Authors Fiction Festival is absolutely free of charge to enter.
- 9) Any questions? Feel free to contact us at: **yaff2012@gmail.com**

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COVER PAGE

Please COPY and PASTE this cover page into the BODY of your submission e-mail and FILL IN your personal information so that we can clearly identify your story. ATTACH your story to the message as a Word.doc file with the TITLE of your story as the file name. DO NOT TYPE your name anywhere on the story. We MUST RECEIVE an anonymous copy of your story.

- Story Title: _____

- Word Count (total number of words in the story): _____

- Number of Pages: _____

- Author's Last Name: _____

- Author's First Name: _____

- Author's School or Writing Program: _____

- English teacher's name (if applicable): _____

- Grade/Class in which author is enrolled: _____

- Author's age on 1 April 2012: _____

- Author's address (street, postal code, city): _____

- **Author's Email Address:** _____

Please type YES or NO in response to the following:

Authors:

On your honor, did you imagine and write this story yourself? _____

On your honor, was this story imagined and written after 1 September 2011? _____

Parents:

Do you give permission for your child's story to be used to promote the Young Authors Fiction Festival? _____

Do you give permission for the author's photo to be used to promote the Festival? _____

Do you give permission for the author's name and story title to be posted on the Library's website announcing the finalist after the Celebration event? _____

(TITLE and PAGE NUMBER here, starting on page 2 and continuing on *each additional page*) - Page #

SAMPLE: STORY TITLE
Center the SAME title you put on the cover sheet and type it here.

REMEMBER:
DO NOT TYPE YOUR NAME or CONTACT INFORMATION IN YOUR STORY!

Tab in once from the left of your page and then start typing your story. Tab in (indent) at the start of each new paragraph. Use TIMES NEW ROMAN or Arial as the font for your story. Be sure to **double-space** your story so it is easy to read. Be careful with spelling and punctuation! Use one-inch margins (2.5 cm) on the left-hand and right-hand sides of the page, and one-inch margins (2.5 cm) on the top and bottom too.

Be sure to include the PAGE NUMBERS and the TITLE of your story at the TOP of EACH PAGE, as you can see above, from page 2 to the end. Check the maximum amount of words allowed for your grade level on the main page of the GUIDELINES. If your story is too long, it cannot be accepted for inclusion in the Festival.

Include a beginning, middle and end to your story. Be creative! Be true to your own voice, and above all, HAVE FUN! If you are still unsure how to format your story, click on this link to get to [From Keyboard to Printed Page: Facts You Need to Know](#) or e-mail the YAFF 2012 team for the PDF document. There, you'll find everything you need to know about formatting your story and manuscript.

The best writers are happy readers, so read a ton of books and write, write, write. That's what writers do: they write. Use your imagination. It's the greatest! And remember your spelling and you'll do swell!

Most importantly, have fun writing!

We can't wait to read your story!

THE END