**WRITING CONTESTS**

* **Coquitlam Public Library’s “Scary Story Contest” :**<http://www.coqlibrary.ca/programs-events/teens/scary-story-contest>

2017 Rules: http://library.portmoody.ca/index.aspx?page=157

Winners in each age category will receive prizes worth $50 (first), $30 (second) and $20 (third). Some entries will also be published in the Tri-City News.

Deadline: mid-October

* **Young Writers of Canada contests -** <http://youngwritersofcanada.ca/contests/> - This one is free to enter; however, only the top winners get a free copy of the published anthology; others have to pay to receive a copy.

**1)ANNUAL YOUNG WRITERS POETRY CONTEST 2018**

We are now accepting entries for our Annual Young Writers Poetry Contest for ages 5-18.  
Line limit is 24 lines or less, and one entry per poet.  
**DEADLINE: NOVEMBER 15, 2018 (postmarked).**

2) ANNUAL YOUNG WRITERS CREATIVE WRITING CONTEST – 2018

(ages 5-18) Word count (360 word limit) Deadline: March 15, 2018

3) **OPEN AGES POETRY CONTEST (ALL AGES) – 2018**

We are now accepting entries for our Open Ages Poetry Contest for all ages. Line limit is 32 lines. Deadline is **JULY 31, 2018**.

* **A & E Lives that Make a Difference:** <http://livesthatmakeadifference.com/>

- This occurs every year with a $3000 prize. The topic is always the same with a 300 word limit:

“Who was an important person who had a significant impact on Canadian society in the past year?”

- the effect can be positive or negative and the person may not necessarily be Canadian  
  
Due: December 31 of that year

* **Coquitlam Public Library’s Tiny Stories Contest** – runs May 1 to mid-June with $50 and $30 gift card prizes

- entrants can submit up to 3 entries consisting of mini-stories of 420 characters or less

<http://www.coqlibrary.ca/home/tiny-stories-contest>

You might be able to bring in a guest local writer who can help with the crafting of pithy stories

* **Coquitlam Public Library’s Poetry Slam** – usually is hosted the last Thursday in April

Teen poets in grades 8, 9, 10, 11 or 12 are encouraged to perform an original poem in three minutes or less. Prizes for best performance will be valued at $50, $30 and $20 for first, second and third place.

Contact Chris Miller ([cmiller@coqlibrary.ca](mailto:cmiller@coqlibrary.ca)) for details

* **Vancouver Writers Fest – Spreading the Word Youth Contest** – submissions are due on May 31

A short story contest (fiction or non-fiction) with a 1,500 word limit. Cash prizes with the winner also published in a literary magazine.

<https://writersfest.bc.ca/programs/youth-programs/spreading-the-word-youth-contest/>

* **The Government of Canada History Awards –** was due Dec 15 last year. I’m not sure if the contest will run in 2018 but if it does, it started in August last year. There were 150 prizes of $1000 each. Here is the website link:

<http://gcawards.canadashistory.ca/History-Awards/High-School-Awards/Rules-and-Regulations>

* Sophie Bergeron, *the district’s coordinator of Language, Culture, and Identity* hosts **two Spoken Word Festivals each year** – usually in The Terry Fox Theatre.

One takes place in the winter. Last year it took place on Friday December 7th at Terry Fox Secondary from 8:30 to 12:00. The other takes place at the beginning of June :

Grade 9-12 students can present in three categories:

1. formal speech
2. slam (their own creation)
3. poetry recitation (reading of a well-known poem)

* **CBC’s Shakespeare’s Selfie Student Writing Contest**

Submissions should be 200-400 words each. Shakespeare Selfie is a writing competition that challenges students to write a soliloquy or monologue in the voice of a Shakespearean character based on a prominent news, pop culture or current affairs event from the last year (April 2017 to April 2018). Submissions this year are accepted from April 6 to April 27, 2018

http://www.cbc.ca/books/the-2018-shakespeare-selfie-student-writing-challenge-is-now-open-for-submissions-1.4084894

MISCELLANEOUS:

*- a POETRY WORKSHOP FROM THE “POETRY IN VOICE” WEBSITE:* ***This workshop is designed as a month-long intensive to give you the tools to capture and even transform your daily experience through the act of writing poems. The workshop can be adapted for shorter periods of time, but for the deepest experience, spending half an hour a day for a full month will change everything. Promise.***

[***https://www.poetryinvoice.com/writing-workshops/i-woke-today***](https://www.poetryinvoice.com/writing-workshops/i-woke-today)

- Vancouver Youth Poetry Slam (http://www.vancouveryouth.ca/node/938) – there is an open mike every fourth Monday of the at Café Du Soleil on the Commercial Drive. Winners qualify for a chance to be party of the Vancouver Youth Poetry Slam Team, who perform at festivals and events around Vancouver

- CBC hosts separate short-story, non-fiction, and poetry contests; however, there is a $25 fee for each entry

***http://karenkrossing.com/2015/08/11/where-young-authors-can-submit-2/***