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531 Main St.
Forest City, PA 18421
570-785-5590

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Hallstead, PA 18822
570-879-2227

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Susquehanna, PA 18847
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1. The contest is open to students in grades K through 12 who reside in Susquehanna County and/or attend County schools.
2. Entries must be accompanied by an entry form available at a county library (Montrose, Forest City, Hallstead-Great Bend, or Susquehanna), online at www.susqcolibrary.org, or from a school librarian.
3. Entries must be **original**: the ideas, words, and pictures must be your own, not copied from anywhere else, and *not helped by an adult*.
4. **Please leave at least a 1 1/2" margin on the side that is to be bound.** Do not permanently fasten your pages together (no staples, glue, etc.--paper clips are recommended). Use non-smear markers, crayons or any permanent medium for illustrations and text. No photographs are allowed. Entries should be between 12 and 40 pages of story.
5. Text should be handwritten. In the K-2 category **only**, an adult may assist in **printing** of the words (not changing or improving the child's text) if desired. Text will not be edited by contest staff. Typed, computer-generated or previously bound entries **WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED**.

6. Paper should not exceed 8 1/2 x 11 inches and should be durable and unlined (no construction or tablet paper - plain white printer or copier paper is recommended.) **Cover page should be made of regular paper**, not construction paper, with at least a 1" margin all the way around. **COVER PAGE MUST BE THE SAME SIZE AS INSIDE PAGES** or we will have to cut it to fit the book! A title page in addition to the cover page is required.

7. Entries can be turned in at the branch libraries (Forest City, Hallstead-Great Bend, and Susquehanna), or at a school library, by Wednesday, February 11. Entries will be accepted at the Main Library in Montrose until the final deadline: **Saturday, February 14.**

8. **Entries should be submitted in a large, flat envelope, OR securely paper-clipped**, and should not be folded.

9. Winners will be chosen by grade categories (for example, K-2, 3-5, 6-8 and 9-12; the specific breakdown may vary depending upon the number of entries per grade).

10. Two copies of each first place winning entry will be hardbound--one will be added to the Library's collection and one will be for the winner to keep. First place winners will receive a letter explaining different options for producing a duplicate of their entry.

11. Second and third place winners will receive their book bound with a paper cover.

12. Limit of two collaborators per entry. Each must fill out an entry form. If collaborators fall into different grade categories, the book will be judged in the older category. Only one prize book will be bound for each winning entry.

13. Winners will be announced on Wednesday, March 11th. First place winners must return both copies of their book to the library no later than Saturday, April 4th.

14. All entries will be returned with personal comments and all contestants will receive a Certificate of Recognition. Since individual comments take time, please allow until the end of the school year for all manuscripts to be returned.

15. All contestants are invited to the Awards Ceremony on Saturday, May 30th. First, second and third place winners will be presented with their books at that time.

Failure to abide by these rules may result in disqualification from the contest.