

Ray Bradbury Creative Contest

From September 1 to October 13, unleash your imagination and submit a story or poem inspired by the theme of “hauntings.” Writers of all ages are invited to participate, with entries accepted in both English and Spanish. First and second place winners in categories for kids (3-6 grade), teens (7-12 grade), and adults will be selected and win a special edition Bradbury-related items and a cash prize (\$150 for first place and \$75 for second). Winners will be announced on October 31, just in time for Halloween. For more details and submission guidelines, visit our website.

Submission Guidelines

All entries must be emailed to the reference email: reference@waukeganpl.info.

To qualify for the contest, entries must be:

- 12 pt. or larger font size
- Arial or Times New Roman font
- No more than five pages, single-spaced
- Word or PDF file titled “Bradbury-LASTNAME; FIRST INITIAL”
- Fits the theme of “hauntings” in some way.

In addition, entries must include the following information in the email body:

- Entrant’s first and last name
- Phone number and/or email address
- Title of the piece
- Entrant’s age group

Failure to correctly format the entry piece or to include the above information may lead to the entry being disqualified.

Entries in Spanish are welcome.

*Only Lake County, Illinois residents may win the competition.

Criteria for Judging

Entries will be judged on interpretation of the theme, creativity of the piece, and the overall writing style.

Prizes

3rd-6th grade: Cash prizes worth \$150 and \$75 along with a copy of “The Halloween Tree” by Ray Bradbury.

7th-12th grade: Cash prizes worth \$150 and \$75 along with a graphic novel copy of “Something Wicked This Way Comes” by Ray Bradbury.

Adults: Cash prizes worth \$150 and \$75 along with a copy of “The First Geeks: Ray Bradbury, Forrest J Ackerman, Ray Harryhausen and the Founding of Science Fiction Fandom” by Orton Ortwein.