



Youth Literacy
 2016 Children & Youth Writing Competition
 For ages 9-18: Silence

Our 9th annual writing competition is underway!

In conjunction with the Words Aloud festival family production of *The Silent B* and Ontario Library Week October 16-22, 2016, Youth Literacy is once again looking for promising young writers in south Grey Bruce.

This year's theme: "Silence"

Categories	<i>Short Story or Poem</i>	<i>French or English</i>	
Divisions	Grades 4-6	Grades 7-9	Grades 10-12

Winners will be announced and invited to read their entries at Victoria Jubilee Hall in Walkerton as part of the Words Aloud family production performance *The Silent B* on Sunday, November 12th at 2 pm.
 Prizes may not be awarded in a category where judges deem there to be insufficient entries to create competition or entries are not to an appropriate standard where prizes can be awarded.

Contest rules:

The theme for the contest is "Silence". Each entry must be the original work of one young person.

Entries must be no longer than one 8.5"x11" page. Please no fonts smaller than 12-point or narrow margins.

Entrants may be students in the public or separate school systems, independent or private schools or home-schooled. Entrants must be between the ages of 9 and 18 by the competition deadline, October 28th, 2016.

The contest runs from September 21st to October 28th, 2016. Entries may be mailed or emailed.
All entries must be received at the Youth Literacy office by Friday, October 28th at 5 pm.

A winner will be selected by independent judges, recruited by SGB Youth Literacy. The judge(s) will use a 'blind judging' process: that is, there will be no identification on the entries provided for judging. Selection will be made on the basis of the perceived qualities of the submitted work.

Winners will receive a family pass to the production of *The Silent B*, a certificate and a cash prize. Be sure to include this completed form or a cover page for your entry which includes:

Name: _____

Age: _____ Phone: _____

School (if relevant): _____ Teacher: _____

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