

# **37th Annual St. Clair County Regional Young Authors' Conference**

**April 6, 2019**

**118 Westhaven School Road**

**Belleville, Illinois**

**9 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.**

**Registration and Refreshments in Cafeteria 8:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.**

## **2019 Entry Guidelines and Information**

**This year's theme is "Wild About Writing."**

The purpose of the Young Authors' Conference is to support classroom teachers in their efforts to encourage students to develop original manuscripts as they practice the features of good writing. Children in all regular programs, grades K-8, as well as special classrooms, are encouraged to participate. Young Authors selected by their local districts will be invited to attend this one-day conference where their books will be displayed.

The content of the Young Authors' Conference will emphasize language as a vehicle for communication with others. In small groups, children will be encouraged to share ideas with special guests, educators, and other young authors. Adults who accompany children to the conference will be invited to these sessions.

### **LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT GUIDELINES**

- The district's Young Authors' Program must be for all students in the district Grades K-8 regular and special classrooms.

### **SELECTION PROCEDURES**

- Books authored and/or illustrated by more than two children will not be accepted.
- Dictated books may be typed or handwritten by an adult but must be in the student's own language.
- Manuscripts must have a substantial cover with pages securely attached.

### **CRITERIA FOR JUDGING CHILDREN'S MANUSCRIPTS**

- The work must be original.

- Acceptable writing must be in story form.
- Final manuscript must have a title.
- Dictated books may be handwritten by an adult if the student is unable to print but must be in the student's own words.
- Must have a cover with pages securely attached.
- Student Registration Form must be secure on the front/inside cover of the book.

**ATTENTION: MCCSD #160 Students**

- **Students must submit his/her manuscripts to Mrs. Meyer or Mrs. Coppernoll for District #160 judging by Friday, February 15. Late entries will not be accepted.**
- **Winning manuscripts will be selected by a panel of judges.**
- **The \$20 registration fee will be paid by District #160.**
- **Each manuscript must be accompanied by the MANUSCRIPT IDENTIFICATION FORM. Please secure this form to the front inside cover of each book/manuscript.**
- **Books do not necessarily have to pertain to this year's theme.**

**For any additional Young Author information for grades K-2 please contact Mrs. Kristi Coppernoll. Please contact Mrs. Cindy Meyer for students in grades 3-8.**

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**Please PRINT and secure on the front/inside cover of each book/manuscript.**

Title of Story \_\_\_\_\_

Author \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

School District # \_\_\_\_\_ School \_\_\_\_\_

School Address \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher \_\_\_\_\_