

Oxfordshire eBook Short Story Competition 2022

Entry Terms and Conditions

1. Please read all terms and conditions carefully before submitting an entry.
2. Submissions will only be accepted if submitted through the email address librarydigitalservices@oxfordshire.gov.uk . Submission of an entry is taken as acceptance of all the terms and conditions of entry.
3. Entrants must be aged:
 - 7 – 11 years to enter the children’s category
 - 12 – 17 years to enter the young adult category
 - 18 years and above to enter the adult category.on the date the competition closes (27 February 2022)
4. Children and young adults must have the consent of an adult parent/carer who fills in the consent form and emails it alongside the entry.
5. Entrants must provide the following details at the top of their story:
 - name
 - category of entry (children / young adult / adult)
 - word count
 - email address
 - telephone number
 - postal address
 - how they found out about the competition
6. Entrants can submit **one** entry per person.
7. The opening date for entries is Monday 6th December 2021.
8. The closing date for all entries is midnight on Sunday 27th February 2022. Entries submitted after that time will not be accepted. All entries will receive an acknowledgement of receipt.
9. The competition is open to anyone who lives, works or studies in Oxfordshire, or has an Oxfordshire library card. Staff employed by Oxfordshire Libraries are excluded.
10. Stories should be written predominantly in English.
11. Each entry must be original, fictional, in a short story format, and entirely the work of the entrant. It should have not been previously published.
12. Entries must not be libellous, unlawful or defamatory of any living person or corporate body. Illegible, obscene or fraudulent entries will be automatically disqualified.
13. The story should be submitted as either a Word document included as an attachment, or a link to a Google Docs document. The font size should be 12pt or larger.

14. The length of each submission, including the title, must not exceed 3,000 words. There is no lower limit.
15. The publication of the winning entry of the Oxfordshire eBook Short Story Competition is exclusive to Oxfordshire Libraries for the period of one year from first publication date on Oxfordshire Libraries' Overdrive platform.
16. The decision of the judges is final. Oxfordshire Libraries is unable to offer individual feedback to entrants.
17. The entry will be published on Oxfordshire Libraries' OverDrive eBook platform, with a suitable cover, for one year and will be available for Oxfordshire Libraries' customers to borrow. After that period the title will be removed.
18. No cash alternatives to the prize are available.
19. Announcements in relation to the prize will be posted on Oxfordshire Libraries' social media and website. The winners will be notified in May 2022.
20. Oxfordshire Libraries will only use information supplied by you for the purposes of administering this competition. It will be processed in accordance with the Data Protection Act 2018 and UK General Data Protection Regulation.