THEME: This year’s theme is “renewal.” You can interpret the theme any way you like, from rekindling a friendship, to rebuilding after a storm, to renewing books on your Library card.

CATEGORIES: Poetry and Fiction

PRIZES IN EACH CATEGORY: Amazon Gift Cards, 1st place $100, 2nd place $50, 3rd place $25

Prizes are courtesy of Friends of the New Orleans Public Library

SUBMISSION PERIOD: June 1 – July 31

HOW TO ENTER: Electronic entry form through Biblioboard: nolalibrary.librariesshare.com/adultwritingcontest

Paper entries must be accompanied by an entry form and can be submitted at any New Orleans Public Library location.

RULES:
- One entry per person of one piece of fiction or up to 3 poems. Entries must be no more than 2,000 words total.
- Entrants must be 18 years of age or older, have an active New Orleans Public Library card, and be a resident of Orleans Parish.
- All writings must be the original work of the participant and not previously published. Writing should be suitable for a general audience.

JUDGING:
Winning entries will be selected on originality, quality, and relevance to the theme.

Winners will be notified by email or telephone, and will be publicly announced on August 28.

ADDITIONAL INFO:
Submission to this contest grants the New Orleans Public library non-exclusive print and electronic rights to all winning entries and honorable mentions. The author retains all permissions and copyright to the submitted work. Winners will be honored at a celebration and reading, date to be determined.

Participation in the contest permits the New Orleans Public Library to use winners’ photographs, names, and/or likenesses for promotion of the library without further compensation. All information gathered is for the use of the New Orleans Public Library in administering the contest and will not be shared except to publicize the winners.

NAME

LIBRARY CARD NUMBER

ADDRESS

EMAIL

PHONE NUMBER

GENRE: □ Short Story □ Poem

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