THEME: This year’s theme is “Adventure.” You’re invited to interpret the theme any way you like. Adventure could mean a camping trip or a trip to Mars, forging a trail through a magical realm, or turning towards a new path in life.

CATEGORIES: Poetry and Fiction

PRIZES IN EACH CATEGORY: Amazon Gift Cards, 1st place $100, 2nd place $50, 3rd place $25
The top 10 submissions in each category will be published in the 2nd edition of RENEWED: A New Orleans Public Library Anthology in 2025.
Prizes and publication are made possible by Friends of the New Orleans Public Library.

SUBMISSION PERIOD: June 1 – July 31

HOW TO ENTER: Submit .docx and .pdf files electronically at: nolalibrary.librariesshare.com/adultwritingcontest
Paper entries must be accompanied by an entry form and can be submitted at any New Orleans Public Library branch.

RULES:
• One entry per person of one piece of fiction or up to 3 poems. One poem per submission will be eligible for prizes and publication. Entries must be no more than 2,000 words total.
• Do not include your name or other identifying information in your submission.
• 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 September 6.

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.

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GENRE:  [ ] Short Story  [ ] Poem

PRIMARY LIBRARY LOCATION

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