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**Teens Have a Chance to Get Their Writing Published!
Submissions now being accepted for the 16th Annual Teen Writing Contest**

Henderson, NV – Unlock your creative side by entering the 16th Annual Teen Writing Contest at Henderson Libraries! With nearly three months remaining to participate in this always anticipated competition, there is no reason not to submit an entry. Put your thinking cap on and develop an original short story or piece of poetry, then check the complete list of rules before submitting it by February 28, 2025.

“As someone who loves working with youth, this contest never fails to amaze me,” says Erin Owens, Youth Programming Librarian. “I am always energized by the creativity of our community’s young people, and I can’t wait to read through this year’s contest entries. It’s a wonderful opportunity for our local teens to receive recognition for their work.”

Clark County, Nevada residents in grades 6-12 are eligible to participate in the contest. Works of poetry and short stories will be accepted for consideration; however, only one entry per person in the provided category of their choice is allowed. Submissions must be completely original and unpublished—no school assignments will be accepted. Likewise, submissions that are deemed inappropriate, culturally inaccurate, or possess negative stereotypical characterization will be disqualified. For a complete list of rules and submission instructions, please visit <https://hendersonlibraries.com/teen-writing-contest>.

“We are so pleased to be able to carry on this tradition for our local teens,” says Henderson Libraries Executive Director Marcie Smedley. “We look forward to it every year and the creativity just continues to grow!”

Winners will be announced at a private reception in the spring, which will feature a guest speaker. To read last year’s winning entries, visit [UNLOCKED VOICES](#), Henderson Libraries’ annual digital magazine.

Established in 1944 as a single library in Downtown Henderson, Henderson Libraries operates five locations in Henderson, providing free access to materials, programs, and services to meet the diverse and varied needs of the community throughout Southern Nevada. For additional information on Henderson Libraries, visit www.hendersonlibraries.com or call 702-707-2665.