

2025 Kleiman Creative Writing Contest

Open to Students in the 4th, 5th and 6th Grades
Sponsored by the Kendallville Public Library

Contest Rules:

- Students write and illustrate their own original book.
- The book must include:
 - front cover (illustration, title, student's name) Please use a pen or markers. No Pencil.
 - title page (illustration, title, student's name, date)
 - back cover (free choice, just can't be blank)
 - Story pages with page numbers on each page (no minimum or maximum required pages.) *see page layout illustration.
 - For best printed book results, make sure to have pages ending in 4-8-12-16-20. Increments of 4.
- Books should be made using 8 ½" by 11" sheets of paper. Text should be set within 1" margins.
- Typed text needs to be at least 12 point font and written text needs to be clear and easy to read. Be creative with your text, play with size and color. Please do not color over text. Ink is encouraged for all text.
- **Art must be original, but can be created using a computer or tablet. Please do not use clipart or google images as they are not allowed. Drawing art and importing it into a computer or tablet program is encouraged.**
- Please turn in a paper, scanned or email copy of your book: Put the book together in the correct order with the **required entry form** on top. Use a **paper clip** to hold the book together. ****Your teacher may print the entire classes books and turn in to the library. Entries may also be scanned and emailed to: kleiman@kendallvillelibrary.org.**
- **The deadline for all entries is March 7.** They must be received by closing time (5pm) and may be delivered to either the Kendallville Public Library or its Limberlost Branch.
- Entries will be displayed and picked up at the Awards Ceremony.
- See attached sheets for more information.

Awards that can be won:

- 1st, 2nd & 3rd place in each grade level for each category.
- Special awards may be awarded for: Best Cover, Best Artwork, Best Creativity, etc.