

# Where Young Authors Can Submit

## Contests

The **CNIB Braille Creative Writing Contest** accepts original poems and stories by Canadian students up to grade 12. [altlit.ca/braillecontest](http://altlit.ca/braillecontest)

The **Eden Mills Student Poetry Contest** is an annual youth poetry contest run by Eden Mills Writers' Festival, which is held annually in early September. [edenmillswritersfestival.ca](http://edenmillswritersfestival.ca)

**Indigenous Arts & Stories** showcases writing by Aboriginal Canadians between the ages of 6 and 29. [www.our-story.ca](http://www.our-story.ca)

The Hamilton Public Library has the annual **Power of the Pen Creative Writing Contest** for ages 12 to 18 who are residents of Southern Ontario. Check the Teen Page at [www.hpl.ca](http://www.hpl.ca).

The **League of Canadian Poets** lists prizes and offers resources for young poets. [poets.ca/resources](http://poets.ca/resources)

The **River of Words Annual Poetry Contest** is designed to help youth explore the natural and cultural history of the place they live. The contest is open to any writers aged 5 to 19. Older students must have not yet completed high school. [www.stmarys-ca.edu/center-for-environmental-literacy/rules-and-guidelines](http://www.stmarys-ca.edu/center-for-environmental-literacy/rules-and-guidelines)

The **Scholastic Art and Writing Awards** recognize student achievement in the visual arts and creative writing. Sign up to receive email updates about annual deadlines. [www.artandwriting.org](http://www.artandwriting.org)

The **TD Canadian Children's Book Week Writing Contest** invites young writers from across Canada, in grades 4 to 12, to submit stories and/or poems. Judging is done by noted writers from across Canada and one winner and two honourable mentions from each grade receive a gift certificate for the bookstore of his or her choice. [www.bookweek.ca](http://www.bookweek.ca)

World Literacy Canada organizes **Write for a Better World** – a national writing contest open to students in grades 5 to 8 that aims to inspire a sense of global citizenship in Canada's youth. [www.worldlit.ca](http://www.worldlit.ca)

## Publications

*The Adroit Journal* is a print literary publication offering young writers from around the world the chance to submit work for publication alongside established adult writers. Young writers in high school or college can also participate in the editing process as part of the journal's staff of readers and editors. [www.theadroitjournal.org](http://www.theadroitjournal.org)

*The Blue Pencil Online* is an online magazine edited and produced by the students in the Creative Writing Program at Walnut Hill School for the Arts, located in Natick, Massachusetts. The magazine seeks to publish the best literary work in English by young writers (12 to 18) around the world. [thebluepencil.net](http://thebluepencil.net)

*chixLIT* is a literary zine written, illustrated and produced by and for girls. They accept submissions of stories, poems, artwork, and photography from girls age 13 to 17. [chixlit.tumblr.com](http://chixlit.tumblr.com)

Teens from around the world can submit their poems and art to *Navigating the Maze*, an annual youth anthology. [www.adonisdesignspress.com](http://www.adonisdesignspress.com)

*Cicada Magazine* is an international print and online magazine that publishes writing by teens. [www.cicadamag.com](http://www.cicadamag.com)

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## Publications, continued

*The Claremont Review* is an international print magazine of young adult writers. It accepts manuscripts by writers aged 13 to 19. [www.theclaremontreview.ca](http://www.theclaremontreview.ca)

*Cricket Magazine* is an international print magazine that holds monthly writing and artwork contests for young subscribers aged 9 to 14. [www.cricketmagkids.com](http://www.cricketmagkids.com)

*Cuckoo Quarterly* is a British literary journal that publishes work by young writers in high school. [chronicle.cuckoowriters.com/submit/](http://chronicle.cuckoowriters.com/submit/)

The **Cyberkids** website at [www.cyberkids.com](http://www.cyberkids.com) accepts work for online publication.

*F(r)iction* literary magazine publishes fiction, nonfiction, and poetry by young authors. [tetheredbyletters.com](http://tetheredbyletters.com)

*Greystone Young Lit Mag* publishes poetry, stories, artwork, and photography from students K to 12 for their quarterly online publication. [mygreystone.wordpress.com](http://mygreystone.wordpress.com)

**Hanging Loose Press** is dedicated to supporting new and young writers. They have special guidelines for high school student submissions. [www.hangingloosepress.com](http://www.hangingloosepress.com)

**INKspire** publishes articles by youth aged 14 to 29 on the arts, social issues, science, and technology. [inkspire.org](http://inkspire.org)

*Launch Pad* is a print magazine devoted to publishing fiction, nonfiction, poetry, book reviews, and artwork by children ages 6 to 12. [www.launchpadmag.com](http://www.launchpadmag.com)

*Matador Review* is an online alternative art and literature magazine. They accept submissions from any location and any age group. [www.matadorreview.com](http://www.matadorreview.com)

*New Moon: The Magazine for Girls and Their Dreams* is a print magazine edited by 8 to 14 year-old girls. [www.newmoon.com](http://www.newmoon.com)

*Shameless* is a progressive Canadian magazine rooted in feminism and DIY culture for teenage girls, who are underrepresented in the mainstream media. Accepts submissions from young writers. [www.shamelessmag.com](http://www.shamelessmag.com)

*Skipping Stones* is a multicultural children's magazine that encourages children to submit both art and writing. [www.skippingstones.org](http://www.skippingstones.org)

*Stone Soup* is a print magazine of writing by young people up to age 13. [www.stonesoup.com](http://www.stonesoup.com)

*Teen Ink* is a US monthly print magazine, e-zine, and book series that publishes teen (13 to 19) writing. It offers lots of publishing opportunities, contests, and a chance to read work by other youth. [teenink.com](http://teenink.com)

*Windscrip*t is the Saskatchewan Writers Guild's annual magazine of high school writing. [www.skwriter.com/publications](http://www.skwriter.com/publications)

**Young Adult Review Network (YARN)** is an literary journal that publishes outstanding original short fiction, poetry, and essays for young-adult readers. They seek to discover new teen writers and publish them alongside established writers of the YA genre. [yareview.net](http://yareview.net)

*Young Voices Magazine of Teen Writing and Art* is an annual publication of poetry, stories, nonfiction, artwork, and photography. Teens 12 to 19 living in Toronto are eligible to submit. Work is selected by editorial teams made of youth volunteers and professional writers and artists. A launch event including youth readings is held each fall to recognize the contributors. [torontopubliclibrary.typepad.com/teens/young-voices-magazine.html](http://torontopubliclibrary.typepad.com/teens/young-voices-magazine.html)

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## Links of Interest

**Canadian Links of Interest to Writers** are listed through Wordwrights Canada.

[www3.sympatico.ca/susanio/WWClinks.html](http://www3.sympatico.ca/susanio/WWClinks.html)

**Broken Pencil: The Magazine of Zine Culture and the Independent Arts** reviews the best zines, books, websites, videos, and artwork from the underground and reprints the best articles from the alternative press. Also includes groundbreaking interviews, original fiction, and commentary on all aspects of the independent arts. [www.brokenpencil.com](http://www.brokenpencil.com)

**National Novel Writing Month**, a yearly program that occurs over the month of November. Writers are encouraged to produce a 50,000-word novel to be submitted by the last day of month. Includes areas to post excerpts and share your word count in-progress, as well as community forums and pep talks. Free to register. Includes a NaNoWriMo Young Writers Program with special resources for writers 17 and under. [www.nanowrimo.org](http://www.nanowrimo.org)

**Newpages: Young Authors Guide** is a select list of literary magazines to read, places to publish writing, and legitimate contests. Many of the magazines have open submissions with guidelines, an editorial selection process, and a regular print cycle. Some publish *only* young writers, some publish all ages for young readers. [www.newpages.com/npguides/young\\_authors\\_guide.htm](http://www.newpages.com/npguides/young_authors_guide.htm)

## Online Writing Communities

**Figment** is an online writing community created to be used by educators, but also open for individual children and teens to create independent accounts. Figment members share their writing, connect with their readers, discover new stories and authors, and participate in contests. [www.figment.com](http://www.figment.com)

**Wattpad** is an online writing community that calls itself the world's largest community for discovering and sharing stories, and connecting readers and writers through storytelling. (Not aimed specifically at youth, but many young people are active members.) [www.wattpad.com](http://www.wattpad.com)

**WeBook** is a community of writers posting work and sharing feedback as well as an active blog with contests, advice, and publishing tips. [www.webook.com](http://www.webook.com)

**Young Writers Online** is a community of young writers dedicated to improving their writing. Members have access to a Community Forum for general, literary, and off-topic discussion; the Writing Forum, for submitting writing and critiquing work posted by other members; plus a chat room, contests, exercises, and more. Membership is free. [www.youngwritersonline.net](http://www.youngwritersonline.net)

## Toronto Literary Events for Teens

The **BAM! Toronto Youth Poetry Slam** is for poets aged 12 to 19, all ages for open mic, and runs on the second Wednesday monthly at The Central (603 Markham Street) in the Annex. [www.bamyouthslam.com](http://www.bamyouthslam.com)

**Toronto Public Library Writing and Art Workshops** are regularly held at library branches throughout the city. Workshops are led by professional writers and artists. [torontopubliclibrary.typepad.com/teens](http://torontopubliclibrary.typepad.com/teens)

**Young Voices Annual Writers Conference** is an annual full-day literary event featuring professional writers and performers. The programming includes a keynote speech, multiple workshops and an open mic. Throughout the day, youth can submit writing and art and youth volunteers produce an instant anthology that participants take home. [torontopubliclibrary.typepad.com/teens/young-voices-conference.html](http://torontopubliclibrary.typepad.com/teens/young-voices-conference.html)

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