

## *Libraries present writing contest*

Local wordsmiths are invited to enter the 39th Annual Adult Creative Writing Contest for a chance to win cash. The annual event is sponsored by The Friends of the Tulsa City-County Libraries.

The contest is open to any person 18 years or older who lives, works, attends school in Tulsa County or has a nonresident Tulsa

City-County Library card. The deadline to submit entries is January 31. Submissions of unpublished original text are welcomed in these categories:

- Poetry – with a 400-word limit
- Informal Essay – with a 5,000-word limit
- Children's Fiction – with a 3,000-word limit
- Short Story – with a 5,000 word limit

A \$100 cash prize and a certificate are awarded to the best works in each category. Second-place winners receive a \$50 cash prize and a certificate. Certificates are awarded to those receiving honorable mention. Individuals may submit one entry per category. Each entry must have a separate entry form and a \$6 entry fee.

All winners and participants are invited to the awards during a ceremony at 2:30 p.m. on April 9 at Rudisill Regional Library, 1520 N. Hartford Ave.

The keynote speaker for the ceremony is Jay Cronley, author of *Quick Change*, *Funny Farm*, *Good Vibes* and *Fall Guy*. First-place winners from each category will have the opportunity to read a short selection from his or her winning entry.

Entry forms, with a complete set of rules, are available at all TCCL locations or online at [www.tulsalibrary.org/friends](http://www.tulsalibrary.org/friends).

For more information, call Gretchen Hannefield, Friends liaison and library volunteer coordinator, 918-549-7408.

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