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## Cash for your creative writing: library presents annual contest

By **John Fancher**  
*Tulsa City-County Library*

Let your keyboard click, pen flow and creative light shine. Wordsmiths are invited to enter the 37th Annual Adult Creative Writing Contest for a chance to win cash for their snappy sonnets and enlightening essays. 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 Jan 31, 2014.

Submissions of unpublished original text are welcomed in these categories:

- Poetry – with a 400-word limit
- Informal Essay –

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 12, 2014, at Rudisill Regional Library, 1520 N. Hartford. 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).



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More power... A bird's eye view of the GRDA Coal Fired Complex (CFC), taken from the side of the Unit 2 chimney. GRD's plan for future generation includes the construction of a new combined cycle gas plant, to be located adjacent to this existing facility.

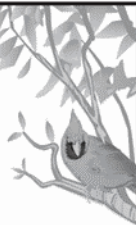
## GRDA moving ahead with future generation deals

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The Grand River Dam Authority Board of Directors made a couple of important decisions in November to help move GRDA towards goals outlined in its plan for future generation resources.

At its Nov. 13 meeting, the GRDA Board gave its approval for Black & Veatch to perform engineering and support services associated with site development and ultimate construction of a new combined cycle gas plant and related substation. The plan is to locate that new generation asset – Unit 3 – next to the two existing units that already comprise GRDA's Coal Fired Complex (CFC), just east of Chouteau. This recent board action means

towards its goal of having the plant operational in 2017.

Of course, when it is operational, this new plant will bring more balance to GRDA's overall electric generation portfolio, which already includes coal, gas, hydro and wind generation assets. That greater balance was a primary goal when GRDA began discussing the long-term plan many months ago.

The new facility will be a "combined cycle" plant which means it will have the ability to recover the exhaust heat (energy) produced when the burning of natural gas rotates a turbine to produce electricity in the first stage. That recovered heat will then be used to produce steam, which will also turn a generator

tages to building this new, efficient, generation resource next to the CFC. Existing land, electric transmission connections, ample water supply and many other physical assets are already in place. The location will also allow existing GRDA staff at the CFC to help in construction oversight.

No matter what the generation resource, GRDA's ultimate goal remains the same: "to provide low-cost, reliable electric power and related services to our customers and to be responsive to the interests and concerns of public power users, the communities we affect, and the people of the state of Oklahoma." Assets like the new gas plant, along with the existing, diverse resource

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Headquartered in Vinita, GRDA is Oklahoma's state-owned electric utility; fully funded by revenues from electric and watersales instead of taxes. Directly or indirectly, GRDA's low-cost, reliable; electricity serves nearly 500,000 homes in Oklahoma and stretches into 75 of 77 counties in the state. At no cost to Oklahoma taxpayers, GRDA also manages 70,000 surface acres of lakes in the state, including Grand Lake, Lake Hudson and the W.R. Holway Reservoir. Today, GRDA's 500 employees continue to produce the same "power for progress" that has benefited the state for 75-plus years. GRDA is the wholesale electric power supplier to the City of Collinsville.



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