



# THIS OLD BOOK

## YOUTH CREATIVE WRITING PROJECT

### **Grayslake AuthorFest Writing Contest**

#### Three Age Categories

- 4-8 Years
- 9-12 Years
- 13-18 Years

Word Count - Maximum of 2000 words

Submission - You can submit your work in person at This Old Book or conveniently email it to [ThisOldBook1@att.net](mailto:ThisOldBook1@att.net).

Finalists - Three finalists from each age category, who will be featured at the Grayslake AuthorFest Event on July 18, 2026, from 2:45 P.M. to 4:00 P.M.

Prizes - Each category will have one first-place winner who will receive an exciting gift basket. Runners-up will earn gift certificates from This Old Book. The outstanding works of both winners and runners-up will be prominently showcased at This Old Book.

Deadline for Entries - Mark your calendars for July 12, 2026!

Young Writers Creative Writing Workshop - Don't miss our dynamic and free creative writing workshop at AuthorFest from 2:45 P.M. to 3:30 P.M. Join us as we explore inspiration and ideas and engage in fun activities designed to unleash your creativity! The workshop will be led by the talented local writer Dawn Napier.

We look forward to seeing you there!

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