

Dickens 101: A writing competition

Retelling Oliver Twist in 101 words

Competition offered by the London Borough of Richmond upon Thames Libraries (LBRuT Libraries)

How to enter

- Download an entry form and the competition rules from www.richmond.gov.uk/libraries
- Send your story, which should be original, unpublished and exactly 101 words long, excluding title, on the official entry form by email to promotions@richmond.gov.uk by midnight on 15 April 2012
- Entries on paper may also be submitted by post to Reader and Community Services Manager, The Cottage, Little Green, Richmond TW9 1QL, to arrive no later than the closing date of 15 April 2012

There are two competition categories, one for entrants over 16 years of age and the other for entrants 16 years of age or below.

A prize will be awarded by our panel of judges to the entry voted best in each category and to the runner up.

The three best stories in each category will be posted on Richmond upon Thames Libraries' website and may be displayed in LBRuT Libraries.

Rules

- Entry is open to members of London Borough of Richmond upon Thames Libraries. Membership card number must be provided on the entry form.
- Submissions must be original and not previously published.
- Only one submission per person will be accepted.
- Submissions must be exactly 101 words long, no more and no less, excluding the story title. Any submissions that are not 101 words long will be disqualified.
- Submissions must be based around a retelling of *Oliver Twist* by Charles Dickens. Retellings can be traditional or a modern or genre interpretation.
- Entrants full name, address, email, daytime phone number and library membership card number must be included on all correspondence.
- London Borough of Richmond upon Thames may use entries in all print and electronic media.
- The London Borough of Richmond upon Thames Libraries cannot acknowledge or return submissions. SAEs will not be returned.

- Contributions become world copyright of London Borough of Richmond upon Thames Libraries.
- The competition is not open to employees of London Borough of Richmond upon Thames Libraries or any persons associated with this competition or their immediate families.
- The judges' decision is final. London Borough of Richmond upon Thames Libraries reserves the right to change the judging panel without notification if required.
- Winners will be notified by post or email by 30 April 2012.