

## Siouxland Libraries Adult Horror Writing Contest

Siouxland Libraries invites adults to submit a short horror story for its Adult Horror Writing Contest. Stories may be based on a real experience, fiction, or a blend of both.

Rules:

1. Open to adults 18 and older
2. Stories must be rated no higher than PG-13
3. 1000 words or less
4. Must be horror or horror-adjacent
5. Stories must be original, without any form of plagiarism or use of A.I.

First-, second- and third-place winners will be selected based on the following criteria:

1. Plot
2. Characters
3. Use of language
4. Grammar/syntax
5. Adherence to rules

Submissions open October 1 and will be accepted through October 31.

Submit stories using this link: <https://us.openforms.com/Form/65abd845-6901-4741-9b35-a85576d5b8e8>

Winners will be contacted in advance of a public announcement on Siouxland Libraries' website and social media pages on November 15.

Prizes will be awarded as followed:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place Prize – Journal and quill set
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Prize – Journal with writing prompts
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Prize - Horror book cover puzzle

Entries must include name and email. Phone number is optional.

Entries may have more than one author. Only one prize per entry will be awarded.

Stories by all winners will be posted on Siouxland Libraries' website and social media pages.

By submitting your story, you agree to the following:

- You grant Siouxland Libraries the right to publish the story on its website and social media pages.
- Your submission is an original story, and any form of plagiarism or obvious use of AI will result in immediate disqualification. If using direct quotes, please use proper citation.
- You have adhered to all other rules listed above.