



Guam Council of the International Reading Association

READ-A-THON 2016

“Get Connected, READ MORE!”



10th Annual Writing/Poster Contest

The Guam Council of the International Reading Association is pleased to announce its 10th Annual Writing / Poster Contest. The contest will begin on February 8, 2016 and is open to all students in grades K-12 attending Guam’s Public, Private, Parochial, and DODEA schools.

The topic for this year is “How can technology enhance reading?”

ELIGIBILITY DIVISION

Elementary School Primary Grades Division A
(Kindergarten – 1st grade) – Poster

Elementary School Primary Grades Division B
(2nd Grade – 3rd Grade) – Poster

Elementary School Intermediate Grades Division
(4th Grade – 5th Grade) – Essay

Middle School Division
(6th grade – 8th grade) – Essay

High School Division
(9th grade – 12th grade) – Essay

Each Division will have First, Second, and Third place winners

POSTER GUIDELINES

1. Only 1 entry per student
2. Artwork must be original, and must follow the theme
3. Artwork can be vertical or horizontal
4. Computer-generated artwork or glued-on items will not be accepted.
5. Artwork must be on 8 ½" x 11" (standard) or up to 22" x 28" (poster).

ESSAY GUIDELINES

1. Only one entry per student.
2. Essay must be the original work of the writer and must adhere to the theme
3. Essay must not exceed 500 words
4. Essay must be submitted on 8 ½" x 11" paper, typed-written double-spaced, and 14-point font.
5. No drawing sketches or computer clip art is allowed as part of the essay.

Teachers are reminded NOT to submit classroom sets of writing, just a few of the best pieces.

All entries must be submitted to Dr. Matilda Naputi Rivera at Bank of Guam, Main Branch, Agana no later than 6:00 P.M. on Friday, March 04, 2016.

Entry Information and Deadlines

The following information about the student should be on the back of the last page of the poster or essay:

- first and last name of the student
- school grade
- age
- first and last name of the parent/guardian
- contact information (phone number or email address).

Any entry not adhering to guidelines or missing author information will be disqualified.

Judging and Awards

All entries will be judged in five separate categories:

- Elementary Primary Grades: Division A
- Elementary Primary Grades: Division B
- Elementary Intermediate Grades
- Middle school
- High school

Poster entries will be judged on adherence to:

- Theme
- Originality
- Creativity
- Illustration

Essay entries will be judge on adherence to:

- Theme
- Originality
- Clarity
- Fluency
- Elaboration
- Grammar
- Spelling

Winners in each division will receive a certificate, movie passes, books, and nylon book bag.

For more information about this contest, please contact Dr. Matilda Naputi Rivera at 777-2994 or by email at guamreadathon2016@gmail.com.