

420 Characters Tiny Story Contest 2016: Contest Guidelines

Deadline

The deadline for the 420 Characters Tiny Story Contest is **October 31, 2016**.

Guidelines

- Entrants may submit up to three tiny stories.
- Each story must be 420 characters or fewer—including spaces and punctuation. Hint: Use the “Word Count” function in Microsoft Word to find out your character count.
- **Do not count your title** in your character count.
- Please indicate character count for each story you submit.
- If entering more than once, submit all entries as separate attachments to a **single** email.
- Entrants’ anonymity is preserved throughout the judging. Contact information (including an email address) must not appear on the attached entry(ies), but should appear in the body of the email along with a title (or titles in the case of multiple entries) and character count.
- This is a community contest: only residents of **Powell River and areas served by the Powell River Public Library** may enter. If you don’t live in Powell River and want to participate, encourage your home library to start a tiny story contest too!
- Youth entrants must be students grades 10-12 under the age of 19. If entering in the Youth category, please state your grade on your submission.
- Entries already published, accepted, or submitted elsewhere are ineligible.
- No entries will be returned.
- Winning stories and winning authors’ names will appear on the Library’s website and Facebook page on November 15, 2016. Only winning entrants will be notified directly of the contest results. Prizes can be picked up at the Library Service Desk.
- Winning stories will be published at <http://420characterstinycontest.tumblr.com/>, where all BC Libraries running the tiny story contest will share their winning stories.

Enter by Email

- Send entries as an attachment to tinystories@prpl.ca
- The subject line must contain your full name and 420 Characters. e.g., "John Smith, 420 Characters."
- Please also submit the following information in your email or fill out and attach the provided “Entry Form”:
 - Your full name
 - Title(s) of entry(ies)
 - Character count for entry(ies)
- **Acceptable file formats: Word (.doc and .docx) or pdf**

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