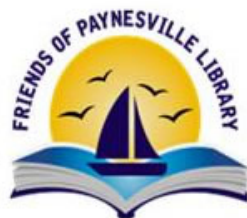


Friends of Paynesville Library Inc.



SHORT STORY COMPETITION 2026

First Prize \$400
Second prize \$200
Third Prize \$100

**Entries close -
Friday 24th July 2026**

**Winners announced -
Tuesday 1st September 2026**

**Winners will be announced on
Tuesday 1st September, 2026**

Winners will be contacted by phone or email

Prize money will be sent to winners, along with a certificate and a copy of booklet containing winning stories.

Results will be published on

www.friendsofpaynesvillelibrary.com

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This is the fifteenth year of the Short Story Competition for the Friends. We hope it will encourage writers and up and coming writers to take the challenge, write a short story and submit it to a competition.

We are very fortunate to have 3 very experienced local judges, who will comment on the winning stories.

The Friends of Paynesville Library would like wish all entrants the best of luck and thank you for entering.



ENTRY INFORMATION

Format for entry. Please read carefully.

A4 white paper. Minimum 12 point font, printed on one side only, double - line spacing. Hand written text will not be accepted. All entries must comply with these rules. Competition is open to all people over 18 years of age.

Email entries are not accepted..

Theme— any topic you like

Word length— should not exceed 3000 words

Page numbers— please put page number on top right hand corner of each page

Maximum of 3 entries per entrant, with separate entry form per story. Only one payment necessary.

Identity—the author's name should only be on the entry form. It must not appear on manuscript or title page.

Manuscripts— will not be returned.

Copyright— remains with the author. Winning stories will be included in our own publication. Winning stories will be on our website.

Judging— the Judge's decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into.

Entry forms— entry forms can be downloaded from Friends of Paynesville Library

www.friendsofpaynesvillelibrary.com

FB: Friends of Paynesville Library Inc

Payment details

Online payment - Bendigo Bank, Paynesville

Friends of Paynesville Library Inc.

BSB 633 000 Account number 144138013

Cheque or money order

Mailing address

Friends of Paynesville Library

PO Box 140, LPO 3-5 Wellington St ., Paynesville 3880

Hand delivered (in a sealed envelope) to

Paynesville Library

55 The Esplanade, Paynesville

ENTRY FORM & COVER SHEET
Friends of Paynesville Library Inc.
SHORT STORY COMPETITION 2026

Please attach this form to title page of story
Entry fee \$10 per story

Title.....

Author's name.....

Address.....

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.....P/C.....

Phone.....Mob.....

Email.....

Number of entries.....Ch.....DC.....MO.....

Total payment.....

I have read the entry conditions and agree to abide by them

Signed.....

Date.....