

2024 Mary Poppins Literary Competition

'Let's Celebrate!'

The annual literary competition for young writers and poets was established to commemorate P.L. Travers who was born in Maryborough 125 years ago this year. 2024 also marks the 25th year of this competition and 90 years ago Mary Poppins came to life. So this year we are seeking original fantasy short stories and poems that are set in a time of 'Celebration' ... a milestone, a success, an annual event, a win or wherever your creative mind takes you. The competition offers nearly \$2000 in prize money.



Competition rules and requirements:

- The competition is open to students living in the Fraser Coast Region.
- One entry per person per category (see tables).
- Story or poem must be the author's ORIGINAL WORK.
- Theme for this year's Fantasy story is... 'Let's Celebrate!'
- Your Short Story should follow writing conventions including:
 - a structured format i.e. beginning - middle- end
 - well structured sentences & paragraphs, spelling, punctuation & capitalisation as well as correct grammar; word order, subject-verb agreement and verb tense.
 - follow the word or line limit guidelines.
 - make sure the work is edited ... multiple times.

Your final copy should be well organised and presented in an orderly, coherent manner.

- Title
- Paragraphs - eg space between or indented first line
- Typed or neatly handwritten.

1. Enter online by scanning the QR Code on the entry form.
2. Or submit with a completed entry form attached to your Story at your local library as listed.
3. **DO NOT** write names on your literary work.
4. Entries must be received by the close of business on **Friday 30 August 2024.**
5. Prize winners will be notified by phone or email and prize presentations will be made at **Gataker's Artspace on Saturday 12 October 2024 at 10.30am.**
6. All prizes will be awarded at the discretion of the judges and their decision will be final.

PRIZE LIST

All winners will receive a cash prize and certificate

Student Year Groupings	Award	LITERARY PRIZE	POETRY PRIZE
Grades 3-4	1st	\$100	\$25
	2nd	\$75	\$20
	3rd	\$50	\$15
Grades 5-6	1st	\$150	\$30
	2nd	\$100	\$25
	3rd	\$75	\$20
Grades 7-9	1st	\$200	\$35
	2nd	\$150	\$30
	3rd	\$100	\$25
Grades 10-12	1st	\$250	\$40
	2nd	\$200	\$35
	3rd	\$150	\$30

COMPETITION RULES & REQUIREMENTS

GRADES	STORY	POEM
3-4	Up to 250 words	12 lines (approx)
5-6	Up to 500 words	16 lines (approx)
7-9	Up to 750 words	20 lines (approx)
10-12	Up to 1000 words	30 lines (approx)

Mary Inc. would like to acknowledge the kind support and sponsorship of the Fraser Coast Regional Council; Cherry Tree Foundation, London; Zonta Club of Maryborough and all our valued sponsors.



Entries that are not submitted online may be dropped off at one of the following Fraser Coast Libraries:

Burrum Heads Library
22 Burrum Heads Road, Burrum Heads

Hervey Bay Library
161 Old Maryborough Road, Pialba

Howard Library
56 Steley Street, Howard

Maryborough Library
127-129 Bazaar Street, Maryborough

Tiaro Library
Lot 1 Forgan Terrace, Tiaro

Or posted to:
Mary Inc. "2023 Literary & Poetry Competition", P.O. Box 317, Maryborough, 4650 by Friday, 30 August 2024.



ENTRY FORM

NAME.....
ADDRESS.....
HOME PHONE.....
EMAIL.....
SCHOOL ATTENDED.....
AGE.....GRADE.....



SCAN QR
CODE TO
ENTER

Please complete details of your entry:

Title of story.....
Title of poem.....

Please read and sign:

I understand and AGREE / DO NOT AGREE that my competition entry (story and/or poem) may be published following the competition by the Fraser Coast Library or the Story Bank Museum on their webpage or elsewhere.

Signed student or guardian.....

Entries via online, or local Libraries or to us Mary Inc. c/- P.O. Box 317, Maryborough, 4650.