

# Middle School Essay Contest

The Friends of the Ashland Public Library is offering this contest to illustrate the value of books and reading to middle school students.

## PRIZES!

3 prizes for each grade level

1<sup>st</sup> \$100

2<sup>nd</sup> \$75

3<sup>rd</sup> \$50

## Friends of Ashland Public Library

### Contestants:

Middle school (grades 6, 7 & 8)  
(Ashland Middle School, Trails Outdoor,  
Willow Wind, Ashland Connect, Homeschool)

### Essay Topic:

Describe a book you've read and  
explain how it touched your life.

### SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS:

- Essay written in M.S. Word, 12 pt. type.
- At top right of page 1 - your name, school, grade, email address, phone number, date.
- Essay length 300-500 words.
- Submit your essay to email, Subject: Essay, to [info@friendsofashlandlibrary.org](mailto:info@friendsofashlandlibrary.org)
- Submission deadline 3/15/24.

### HOW YOUR ESSAY WILL BE JUDGED:

#### 30% for including the following

- The title and author of the book.
- Why you chose this book.
- Briefly describe the plot, the characters, and what happened in the story.

#### 70% for including the following

- Did you see yourself in any of the characters? How?
- Describe how you were inspired to do something different or to think about things in a new way because you read this book.



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