



10th anniversary

exposed

out of focus

an art and literature contest for teens, grades 7-12

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THE BASICS

“Exposed: Out of Focus” is an art and literature contest designed especially for teens in grades 7-12.

Entries must express this year’s theme, *Out of Focus*. Entries must have been created between July 1, 2018 and November 8, 2018 and are due to the Yorba Linda Public Library before 8:59 p.m. on Thursday, November 8, 2018.

Start with the **GENERAL GUIDELINES** below and then follow details for specific entries.

PRIZES

As part of the contest, prizes will be awarded as listed:

**People’s Choice
\$100.00 gift card**

The following prizes will be awarded in each category:

**First Place \$30.00 gift card
Second Place \$20.00 gift card
Third Place \$15.00 gift card**

AWARDS GALA

Exposed Gala

Join us for the Exposed Gala and Awards Presentation at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, December 4, 2018.

Top placing artwork will be displayed during the Exposed Gala.

Due to space constraints, artwork not chosen to be displayed must be picked up from the Yorba Linda Public Library by Saturday, December 1, 2018.

ART GUIDELINES

DRAWING, PAINTING & PHOTOGRAPHY

- Entry must be an original, unpublished work.
- Artwork may be no larger than 30 in. high, 30 in. wide and 4 in. deep, including the outside dimensions of the frame.
- Each entry should include an index card with the participant’s name(s), title of piece, medium, address, phone number, school, grade and teacher’s name (if applicable). Using clear tape, attach it to the back of the artwork in the lower right corner.
- Please include a typed, double-spaced explanation (no longer than 75 words) about how the piece fits into your interpretation of this year’s theme *Out of Focus*. This is to help the judges understand your thoughts and purpose in creating the particular literature piece. They will consider this information during the evaluation process.
- All artwork must be framed. Also, all frames must include a way to hang (such as hanging wire).
- Any art that is raised, or 3D art, must be enclosed within its frame (such as a shadow box frame).
- All entries should use a Plexi-Glass frame (not glass material), for safety purposes.

GRAPHIC DESIGN

- Entry must be an original, unpublished work.
- Artwork may be no larger than 14 in. high, 20 in. wide and 4 in. deep, including the outside dimensions of the frame.
- Each entry should include an index card with the participant’s name(s), title of piece, address, and phone number, school, grade and teacher’s name (if applicable). Using clear tape, attach it to the back of the artwork in the lower right corner.
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- All artwork must be framed. Also, all frames must include a way to hang (such as hanging wire).
- All entries should use a Plexi-Glass frame (not glass material), for safety purposes.

GENERAL GUIDELINES

- Participants must be in grades 7 through 12.
- A person and/or group may submit a maximum of 1 (one) entry in any art category (this includes photography) and 1 (one) entry in any literature category (either Short Story or Poetry).
- Entries must have been created between July 1 - November 8, 2018, and may not have been submitted in any previous contest.
- When submitted, all entries must include an official entry form, with all entry details filled in. Do not place name on actual entry.
- Please email a typed, double-spaced explanation (no longer than 75 words) to briana.blanchard@ypl.org. The explanation must describe how the piece fits into your interpretation of this year’s theme *Out of Focus*. This is to help the judges understand your thoughts and purpose in creating the particular art piece. They will consider this in the evaluation and judging process.
- Judging will be conducted by the Yorba Linda Arts Alliance, and judges’ decisions will be final.
- The library reserves the right to reject any entry it deems inappropriate or which contains excessive profanity and explicit sexual or violent content.

Contest entry forms are available at the Library Information Desk.

LITERATURE GUIDELINES

ALL LITERATURE ENTRIES

- Submit one (1) copy of your short story and entry form in a large envelope.
- E-mail one (1) digital version to briana.blanchard@ypl.org in a Microsoft Word (.doc or .docx) format.
- Entry must be typed, single-sided, double-spaced on plain 8.5” x 11” paper. Illustrations will not be considered. Handwritten entries will not be judged.
- Please include a typed, double-spaced explanation (no longer than 75 words) about how the piece fits into your interpretation of this year’s theme *Out of Focus*. This is to help the judges understand your thoughts and purpose in creating the particular literature piece. They will consider this information during the evaluation process.
- Entries will not be returned. Please keep a copy of your literature entry.

SHORT STORY

- Entry must be an unpublished, original fiction story not to exceed 3,000 words in length.

POETRY

- Entry must be an unpublished, original poem.

ALL ENTRIES ARE DUE TO THE YORBA LINDA PUBLIC LIBRARY BEFORE 8:59 P.M. ON THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2018.

CONTEST PARTNERS

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Prizes will be awarded through the generosity of the Friends of the Yorba Linda Public Library.

This art contest is presented in cooperation with the Yorba Linda Arts Alliance.

This art contest is presented in cooperation with the Richard Nixon Presidential Library and Museum.

DISCLAIMER

General Details - By entering "*Exposed: Out of Focus*," I understand that the judges' decisions are final. I agree to abide by all rules and regulations contained in the contest guidelines herein and understand that such rules and regulations are incorporated with and become part of this agreement. This contest is for students in grades 7-12 only. Also, the Yorba Linda Public Library reserves the right to use an entry for means of public relations purposes, including social media outlets.

Artwork Liability Limitations - While every reasonable precaution will be taken for safeguarding exhibits, it is understood that in no case shall the Yorba Linda Public Library, its employees, or any of its affiliates be responsible for any loss, damage or injury to any artwork while participating in the "*Exposed: Out of Focus*" art and literature contest.

Ownership of Materials - Entries must be the artist's original work and must never have been entered in any previous contests.

Notifications - The Yorba Linda Public Library reserves the right to change and/or modify contest guidelines without public notification.

Validity - These materials are valid for the 2018 "*Exposed: Out of Focus*". All materials must have been created between 07/01/18-11/8/18.

Exposed: Out of Focus is not affiliated with the school or school district. The school district does not endorse or sponsor this activity.