

**Submit entries to:**

Director  
Russell Library  
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Middletown, CT 06457

**Contest Judges:**

Richard Alleva, Michele P. Rousseau,  
Liz Attebery, Sunny Banwer,  
Sharon Cerasoli, Lynn Gamerdinger,  
Esther McCune, Robert White

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**2009 Edna and Benjamin Shenker  
Contest Application**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/Town \_\_\_\_\_

Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

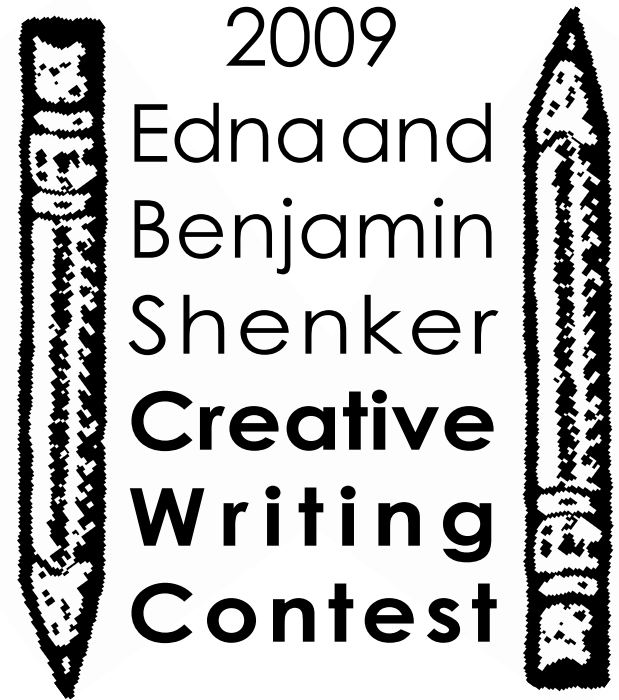
School Name and Grade:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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Received by (staff initials): \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_



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*Hello Young Writers!*

*Russell Library is sponsoring the 2009 Edna and Benjamin Shenker Creative Writing Contest. The contest is held in memory of Mrs. Shenker, who was an avid reader and library user, and Dr. Shenker, a wonderful supporter of the library. The suggested theme for the short story, essay or poem this year is "The funniest Thing That Ever Happened To Me!"*

*Not every day is fun all day. But, sometimes, something funny does happen to you. Write about something that happened to you that was really funny. Tell us in your own words what it meant to you and anybody else that day. Or – maybe it didn't happen but you wished it did!*

*Reminder: This is a suggested theme only – you may write on any theme you choose.*

## **Who Can Enter?**

All elementary and middle school students who live in or attend school in Middletown are eligible to enter.

Judges will award prizes for the best short story, essay or poem written in the 2008-2009 school year by students in grades 1-8.

The First Place winners in each grade will receive a \$50.00 gift certificate to Broad Street Books.

Second Place winners will receive a \$25.00 certificate.

Third Place winners will receive a \$10.00 certificate.

Judging will be based solely on the merits of the entries. All writers are invited to the Shenker Contest Literary Tea on Thursday, May 14, 2009, at 7pm, in the Hubbard Room, for the awards presentation.



## **Rules:**

1. Each writer may submit one entry only.
2. The short story, essay or poem must be the student's original work.
3. There is no minimum or maximum number of words but the entry cannot be longer than three pages.
4. Entries may be handwritten but must be legible. Illegible entries will be disqualified. First and second grade entries must be handwritten.
5. All entries must be on 8½" x 11" paper.
6. Submit the original and three (3) copies with one contest application form stapled on top. If providing copies is a hardship, please let the library staff know when you submit the original.
7. Write your name on the application form only – not on the story, essay or poem. This ensures fairness for all.
8. Please do not include artwork or special binding.
9. All entries must be turned in to Russell Library by 5pm, Saturday, March 21, 2009. Late entries will not be considered.
10. Winners in each grade group will be notified by mail in mid-April. Unfortunately, due to the number of entries, every submission cannot be acknowledged but all entries are appreciated. The names of the winners will be posted on the library website - [www.russelllibrary.org](http://www.russelllibrary.org)

Good Luck!