2012 Edna and Benjamin Shenker Creative Writing Contest

Hello Young Writers!

Russell Library is sponsoring the ***2012 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 theme for the 2012 contest is "***How I Would Use Magic!***"

Do you sometimes say – "I Wish I Had Magic!"
Do you wish you had a special way to change the world?
What if you had a power to make changes? What would you change?
Put on your thinking (or imagination) hat – all ideas are welcome. Write on!

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 entry written in the 2011-2012 school year by students in grades 1-8. It may be a short story, essay or poem. First Place winners in each grade receive a $50.00 gift certificate to Broad Street Books, Second Place winners a $25.00 certificate, and Third Place winners 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 Wednesday, May 23, 2012, at 7:00 p.m., in the Hubbard Room, for the awards presentation.

Rules:

1. Each writer may submit one entry only.
2. The writing must be your 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 hand printed but must be legible. **First and second grade entries must be hand printed**.
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.
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 5:00 p.m., Saturday, April 14, 2012.
10. Winners in each grade group will be notified by mail in early May. Unfortunately, due to the number of entries, every submission cannot be acknowledged but all entries are appreciated.

Good Luck! Submit entries to: Director, Russell Library, 123 Broad Street, Middletown, CT 06457

Contest Judges: Sharon Cerasoli, Alyson Gibeau, Jay Keiser, Terri Klein, Michele P. Rousseau, Rhea Sutter, Robert White

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Received by (staff initials): _____ Date: _____

Please print **2012 Edna and Benjamin Shenker Contest Application**

Name: _____

Address: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Telephone Number: _____

School Name: _____ **Grade**: _____