

Fifteenth Annual Paton Storytelling Contest - 2011

Sponsored by The Friends of the Russell Library



Jack Paton lived and worked in Middletown for many years as a writer, editor, reporter, teacher, and university administrator. His wife Sybil shared his fascination with people. They knew that “everyone has a story to tell,” and encouraged others to put their memories into words. In their honor, the Friends of the Russell Library present an annual writing contest for people who have lived or worked in Middletown.

This year, the theme is “**My Neighborhood.**” What comes to mind when you say “My Neighborhood?” What was the world like outside your home? What do you wish it was like? Put on your thinking (or imagination) hat – all ideas are welcome. **Tell your own story!**

Who is eligible? You are eligible to enter this contest if you have lived or worked in Middletown and if you are over 25 years of age. There are two age categories for entries to be judged:

- A) 25-49 years of age
- B) 50 years of age and older

Or, you may submit a piece, but not have your entry judged for competition.

Criteria:

- 1) Your entry should be about a single event on the theme of “**My Neighborhood.**”
- 2) The story must be an original work, previously unpublished.
- 3) Your entry must be typewritten. A family member or friend may type it for you, but must use your exact words.
- 4) All entries must be on 8 ½” x 11” paper.
- 5) Please submit the original and **eight** copies with the entry form. Keep a copy for yourself, as the entries will not be returned.
- 6) Please do not write your name or initials on your entry or the copies. The stories are judged anonymously.

Deadline: Entries should be sent to the Library, or brought to the Circulation Desk, by Saturday, October 1, 2011, at 5:00 pm. Mark the envelope “Paton Storytelling Contest.” Late entries will not be considered.

Winners will be announced in November. Entries will be added to the Russell Library collection. A reception for all of the entrants, and their friends and families, will be held at the Library on Wednesday, November 16, at 7:00 pm, when the prizes will be awarded.

Contest Judges: Laura Arnold and Christie Arnold, family members; Edwin Hoey, editor; Robert White, author; Maria Johnson, writer/editor/teacher, Joan Shapiro, writer/teacher; Marie Norwood, former educator; Sally Pickert, former teacher.

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Please print: **Fifteenth Annual Paton Storytelling Contest Application**

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____ (Please Circle) Category A Category B

Title of entry: _____

I give do not give permission to include my entry in the bound anthology in the Russell Library collection.

I give do not give permission to include my entry on the Russell Library website.

