



Olathe Public Library's Big Read Teen Contest The Things They Carried

In writing *The Things They Carried* Tim O'Brien drew from his own experiences to tell the story of American soldiers in Vietnam. Reflect on your own stories and share a personal story or experience in writing, art or multi-media.

SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS:

- The contest is open to any student in 6th -12th grade.
- Participants may enter in more than one category, but only one entry per category.
- Written and multi-media entries may be emailed to ya@olatheks.org or turned in by **Tuesday, October 24, 2017** to the Information Desk at either Downtown (201 E. Park St.) or Indian Creek (13511 S Mur-Len Rd, Ste. 129).
- Art entries must be turned in by **Tuesday, October 24, 2017** to the Information Desk at either Downtown (201 E Park St.) or Indian Creek (13511 S Mur-Len Rd, Ste. 129).
- Written entries will be judged on *Theme, Originality, Organization, and Grammar*.
- Visual art entries will be judged on *Theme, Originality, Craftsmanship, Creativity, and Artist's Statement*.
- Multi-media entries will be judged on *Theme, Originality, Craftsmanship, and Creativity*.
- An entry form, including the student's name, address, and telephone number must be turned in with each entry.

WRITING - GUIDELINES FOR ENTRIES:

1. All written entries must reflect on a personal story or experience. Entries can be any original written work; essay, poem, etc.
2. Entries must not be more than 700 words in length. Please note that entries do not have to be 700 words. They will be judged on content; not length. The maximum length is 700 words.
3. Each written work must reflect original thinking and ideas.

VISUAL ART - GUIDELINES:

1. Entries must reflect on a personal story or experience.
2. Entries can be made in any of the following categories:
 - 2D, 3D, Photography, or Mixed Media
3. Entries must reflect original thinking and ideas and adhere to copyright laws.

MULTI-MEDIA GUIDELINES:

1. Entries must reflect on a personal story or experience.
2. Entries can be made in any of the following categories on a CD/DVD or post to You Tube:
 - Interactive Web Media Graphic Design Animation
 - Documentary Video Dramatic Video
 - Multi-Media Presentation (power point or acrobat—self-contained)
3. Entries must be no shorter than 1 minute nor longer than 5 minutes
4. Entries must reflect original thinking and ideas and adhere to copyright laws.

AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

AWARDS (Each Category)

First Prize	\$50.00
Second Prize	\$30.00

A reception announcing the winners and prizes being awarded will be held on November 7 at 7 PM at Teen Commons (16160 W. 135 St.).

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Big Read 2017
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Library Use Only

Student #:
Total Points:

ENTRY FORM

ENTRY INSTRUCTIONS – Check Appropriate Box

- WRITING: Entry form must accompany each entry. Each entry should have the participants name and title of the work at the top.
- VISUAL ART: Entry form and artist statement must be accompany each visual art entry. Do not tape the artist statement (if applicable) to the back of the visual arts entry. **Tape** the entry form to back of entry.
- MULTI-MEDIA: Entry form must accompany each multi-media entry.

Important: Please Print Legibly

Student Name: _____

School: _____

Grade Level: _____

Title of Project: _____ (Required)

Category (Circle One): Writing Visual Arts Multi Media

Home Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Phone #: _____

Email Address: _____

Instructions

- Written and multi-media entries may be emailed to ya@olatheks.org or turned in to the Information Desk at either library location. Art work must be turned in to the Information Desk at either library location. All entries must be turned in by **Tuesday, October 24, 2017**.
- Olathe Downtown Library at 201 E. Park St, Olathe, KS 66061 or Indian Creek Library at 13511 S Mur-Len Rd, Ste. 129, Olathe, KS 66062
- Questions: Contact Angela Parks, Teen Librarian, at 913-971-6881 or aparks@olatheks.org.