

PRESCOTT PUBLIC LIBRARY PRESENTS

**SECRET**

**WE KEEP**

**YOUTH WRITING CONTEST  
FOR AGES 12-17**

**1st prize  
\$75 Amazon  
gift card**

**2nd prize  
\$50 Amazon  
gift card**

**3rd prize  
\$40 Amazon  
gift card**

**Each participant will receive a \$10 library book sale gift card**

**GUIDELINES ON THE BACK OF THE FORM.  
SUBMISSION DEADLINE FEBUARY 7, 2026.**

# 2026 "Secrets We Keep" Youth Writing Contest

## Contest Guidelines

- Open to Prescott area youth ages 12-17. Stories must be 1,500-2,000 words in length, must include a title, and be typed in 12 point Times New Roman font.
- Stories must include the following words: petal, esoteric, vanish, and honeycomb. Words must be underlined in the story.
- STORIES MUST BE ORIGINAL AND THE WRITER'S OWN WORK.
- Writer's name must be on the entry form only and NOT on the story submission.
- Stories must be submitted by email with a scanned or photographed copy of the entry form to youth.services@prescott-az.gov by February 7, 2026.
- 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place prizes will be awarded to winners.
- Winners will be announced on February 18, 2026. A special celebration for all contestants will be held Saturday, March 7 at 10 am in the James Room.
- Contact Youth Services at 928.777.1537 or youth.services@prescott-az.gov with questions.

## ENTRY FORM

Please email a scan or photo of entry form with submission.

Writer's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Title of Submission \_\_\_\_\_

Included Underlined Words:

Word Count \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ Petal ☐ Esoteric ☐ Vanish ☐ Honeycomb

For Parent/Guardian

Should my child's entry in the 2026 Youth Writing Contest be awarded a prize, I \_\_\_\_\_ (print name) do hereby give permission to the Prescott Public Library to place this work on display and to reproduce my child's work on the library's website and in other library publicity or publications.

Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_