

LITERARILY OVERDUE!

SHORT STORY & COMIC MAGAZINE CONTEST

CALLING ALL WRITERS & COMIC ARTISTS

What does our theme "Color Our World" mean to you? We want your epic original stories and creative comics to be featured in our annual anthology magazine! Get your pens and paper ready and hit us with your best short story or comic for your chance to be one of the eight stories published.

Entries will be judged on creativity, style, originality, and artistic quality.

CONTEST ENTRY FORM

Name: _____ **Age:** _____
Address: _____
City: _____ **Zip Code:** _____
Telephone: _____ **Library Card Number:** _____
Email: _____
Title of Entry: _____
Short Story or Comic: _____
Page Count: _____

By signing below, the artist and/or writer of the work named on this form (or his/her legal guardian) affirms that this work is original and not a reproduction and gives the Anderson County Library System permission to display the work listed above at any of the library's social media platforms, or publish the work listed above in the anthology magazine, Literarily Overdue for the duration of the contest and any extension thereof. I wave any right to royalties or other payments for the use of my submissions. I hereby knowingly, freely, and voluntarily waive, release, absolve, and covenant not to sue the Anderson County Library System and its employees and agents, for any and all claims arising as a result of damage, loss, theft of property, or liabilities resulting from their use of the submission at any time in the future. By signing, I affirm that I have read and understand the Electric City Makerspace Summer Reading Anthology Magazine Contest Rules.

Writer/Artist signature (if artists is under 18, parent or legal guardian)

Date

CONTEST RULES

What is the prompt: The Summer Reading theme is “Color Our World,” so entries should represent what that theme means to the artist/writer.

Who can enter: The Anthology Magazine Contest is open to anyone 12 & Up with an Anderson County Library Card.* Writer/Artist duos are accepted but each must submit separate entry forms with their submission.

What can be entered?

Short Story Format:

- Must be between 1500-2000 words (title page not necessary)
- 12 pt. Times New Roman or Arial Font
- Double-spaced lines and half-inch indents for paragraphs
- All margins set to 1 inch
- Insert a header in the top right of each page with your last name, story title, and page number

Comic Format:

- Minimum 3 pages, Max 4 pages (cover page not necessary)
- Artwork should be suited for 8.5x11 paper size
- All pages should be signed by artist.

Entries must contain no graphic or adult content, obscene language, or use AI. Any entry that violates these rules will be disqualified and not displayed. There is a limit of 1 entry per contestant and 1 entry per writer/artist duo.

When to enter: You can drop off your submission with an entry form at the Anderson County Library location during regular library hours between May 1st and July 31st. Submissions can also be emailed to litmag@andersonlibrary.org. Please include a filled out and scanned entry form with your submission.

Prizes: There will be 8 winners published. The selection of the winners by the Electric City Creative Makerspace is final. Winners will be announced August 29th. Prizes including a copy of the magazine can be picked up at the publication release event on September 10th from 6pm-7pm. Additional copies of the magazine will be available to purchase for \$5.00.

Questions? Please contact the Electric City Creative Staff at 864-260-4500 x 162 or ecstaff@andersonlibrary.org.

*If you do not have a library card, see your closest library location to apply for your free library card!

