

CALLING ALL WRITERS & COMIC ARTISTS!



SUMMER ANTHOLOGY MAGAZINE CONTEST 2026 ENTRY FORM

What stories can you tell within a Jurassic setting? 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.

Name: _____ Age: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ Zip Code: _____
Telephone: _____ Library Card Number: _____
Email: _____
Title of Entry: _____
Format (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 waive 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 artist is under 18, parent or legal guardian)

Date

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The Prompt

This year's theme are dinosaurs and other Jurassic adventures!

Write a short story or draw a short comic in this setting.

What can be entered?

Short Story Format:

- Must be between 1500-2000 words (title page not necessary)
- 12 pt. Times New Roman or Arial
- Double-spaced lines and half-inch indents for paragraphs
- All margins set to 1 inch
- Insert a header at 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
- If submitting digitally, send your comic as high quality img or png files

All entries must be entirely original. Entries must not contain graphic or adult content, obscene language, or use of AI. Any entry that violates these rules will be disqualified.

There is a limit of 1 entry per writer or 1 entry per writer/artist duo.

Who can enter?

The Anthology Magazine Contest is open to anyone ages 12+ with an Anderson County Library card.* Writer/Artist duos are accepted but each member of the duo must submit a separate signed entry form with their submission. Patrons can earn an extra entry by attending the Attack the Block writing program.

When and Where 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. You must include a filled out and signed entry form with your submission to be considered. Shared Google docs will not be accepted.

Winners:

There will be 8 winners published. The selection of the winners by the judges of this publication are 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 18th at 5pm. The Foothill's Writers Guild will also provide the Adult Winners with a one year membership to their Guild and Teen Winners a prize of \$50.

Questions?

Please contact the Electric City Creative Staff at 864-260-4500 ext 162 or email litmag@andersonlibrary.org.

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