

Scott Valley Libraries' Annual Writing Contest - 2019

Gratitude / Civility / Kindness

In 2019, the Fort Jones and Etna Libraries will once again celebrate National Library Week one month early with a Writing Contest/ Open House. There are three themes to choose from or combine: *Gratitude/ Civility/ Kindness*. Your true-life (non-fiction) or imagined (fiction) work may take the form of a story, poem, play, essay, or ???.

These interrelated/ overlapping themes were chosen for the following reasons:

- **Gratitude** – because we began considering themes around Thanksgiving, that time of year when we seem to be most aware of the things we are grateful for and the power of gratitude.
- **Civility** – to share the MAD Players 2019 melodrama theme. *Gold Meddlin' or Cain't We All Jest Git Along?* considers how to listen and be heard, to respect and be respected...
- **Kindness** – to honor Marshall Peckham, who embodied kindness, and passed away in 2018. He was graduate of Etna elementary, SV Jr High, and Etna High School along with College of the Redwoods and UC Santa Cruz.

All authors are invited to read or present their work at the Fort Jones Library Open House **tentatively** scheduled on **Tuesday March 19th**. Please call to confirm date and time. We expect to schedule 6th grade and younger to begin reading at 5 pm, 7th Grade through adult to begin at 5:45. Come celebrate! Food (light snacks) will be provided. The library will attempt to contact all authors receiving special recognition prior to the Open House. We are looking forward to hearing your story, poem, play, essay!

RULES:

- Attend to the theme, one or a combination of *Gratitude*, *Civility*, and or *Kindness*.
- 3 page maximum, no minimum. (5 page double spaced is acceptable.) Your name on each page appreciated.
- Original work only (young children may dictate to a parent or friend).
- **Should be received by 5pm** at the Fort Jones Library or Etna Library **Tuesday Feb. 19th**. If we are not open, you may use the book drop or contact us to make other arrangements.
- The following information should be attached to each entry:

Be sure to circle NO if you do not want your story included in the anthology kept at the libraries.

Title _____

Author _____ Phone No. _____

Two or three ages/ grades (circle one) are typically grouped to define each Competitive Level:

Preschool K grades: 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 adult

If entering through school: school/ teacher/ grade/ period _____

May be included in the 2019 - *Gratitude/ Civility/ Kindness* Anthology: YES NO

Come by or call the Fort Jones Library (530) 468-2383 or the Etna Library (530) 467-3661 for more information. The entry form is available at both libraries; on the Friends of the Etna Library website (soon): <http://etnalibrary.org/>; on the Facebook page for both the Friends of the Etna Library and the Friends of the Fort Jones Library; and by request, email etnalibrary@gmail.com or fortjonesbr.library@gmail.com . National Library Week is April 7-13 in 2019.