

## **Young Authors Competition Guidelines- Completed projects due April 12, 2012**

1. The Young Authors program is a school wide competition that all South Loop students K-8 will participate in. Schools levels are designated as: Primary, Kindergarten – 3rd grades; Intermediate, 4th – 6th grades and Upper, 7th – 8th grades.
2. The book must be the original work of the author.
3. Acceptable styles of writing are poetry, story (narrative), or informational.
4. The book may be typed or legibly handwritten in manuscript or cursive. If the text is typed by someone other than the author, credit must be given to the typist. The typist may not edit the book in any way.
5. The text of each student book must be reviewed at the local school level for appropriate content and language and must not be in conflict with the Chicago Public Schools Student Code of Conduct. Any manuscript that violates these regulations will not be judged and will be returned. The student author will be disqualified.
6. Text written in a second language must be translated into English.
7. If an author chooses to illustrate his/her book, the illustrations can be photographs, pictures and illustrations cut from newspapers, magazines, the Internet, etc., or the author's original artwork. However, another student or adult cannot produce artwork to go with the student's book nor may another student or adult cut, paste, outline or design layout for a student's book.
8. Students across grade levels may not collaborate in writing or illustrating. A book entered in specific grade levels of competition must be the original work of an individual student at that specific student level.
9. Manuscripts must be in book form with a substantial cover and pages securely attached.

10. Each student manuscript must have a typed identification card affixed to the inside cover. Identification cards can simply be an index card containing the following information:

- a. Author/illustrator name
- b. Grade
- c. Home address
- d. School name and phone number
- e. Teacher's name
- f. Manuscript title
- g. Genre of manuscript (narrative, informational, or poetry)

11. One winner per classroom will be selected. Three winners from the classroom winners will be selected: K- 3<sup>rd</sup>; 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>; 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>

12. The winners will participate in an Awards Banquet in June.