



# CROSS PLAINS PUBLIC LIBRARY

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DATE: December 3, 2008

TO: Administrators & Teachers  
Cross Plains ISD

RE: Annual Writing Contest

Once again, the Cross Plains Public Library will sponsor a writing contest for all students attending, or eligible to attend, the Cross Plains schools from Grades Pre-K through 12. Students may enter any of the three categories - poetry, essay, or short story. Poems may be of any kind: blank verse, haiku, rhymed couplets, etc.

The deadline for entries is Friday, March 6, 2009. Please call the Library at 725-7722, and someone will pick them up. The entries will be "blind judged" by a college level teacher of writing. As in previous years, we will award ribbons for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place in each grade, and trophies for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> overall. Additionally, the three best overall entries will be printed in the *Cross Plains Review*.

We would appreciate your following these guidelines:

- 1) Attached is a cover sheet we would appreciate your photocopying and using. Please do not have the students put their names on the actual entry; instead attach a cover sheet to each entry to identify it.
- 2) Only one entry per student.
- 3) Please do not put a grade or comments on the copy being turned in for judging. If you want to grade the entries before the contest, please make a separate copy to be entered.

If there are any questions, please feel free to call the Library at 254-725-7722.

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Ginny Hoskins, Chair  
Writing Contest Committee