

NORTHERN NARRATIVES JUNIOR

Writing and Art Project for Kids

Submission Guidelines

Entries accepted March 2 – April 30, 2026

All entries must be accompanied by an entry form. Incomplete entries will not be considered. Make sure to include all the information required on the entry form. You may submit up to one (1) entry per category. You may submit to more than one (1) category: short stories, poetry, comics, nonfiction essays, drawing, or photography.

Ways to submit entries:

- Mail: **Fargo Public Library – Northern Narratives Junior, Attn: Amber Emery, 101 4th St. N., Fargo, ND 58102**
- Email: **kids@fargolibrary.org** – each entry should be a separate email and include an entry form as a PDF
- In Person: Drop entries off at any Fargo Public Library location – in an envelope with an entry form

Fargo Public Library reserves the right to make any editorial changes. Questions? Email: aemery@fargolibrary.org

For submission rules and guidelines, please visit www.fargolibrary.org/kids

Important Dates:

Entries accepted:	March 2 – April 30, 2026
Winners announced:	June 1
Northern Narratives Junior online magazine published:	June 29
Entries available for author/artist pick up:	July 1

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Complete and attach this entry form to each entry submitted:

Name: _____ Grade: _____

Title of Work: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

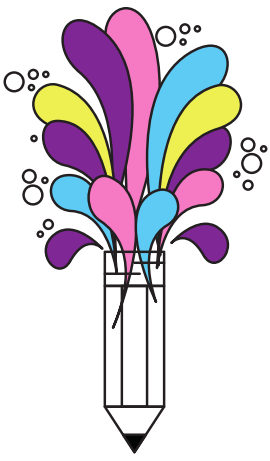
City & Zip Code: _____ Email: _____

Category: _____

Parent/Guardian signature required:

I give permission for my child's name, grade, and creative work to be used in the Fargo Public Library's print and online publicity materials including but not limited to the online *Northern Narratives Junior* literary magazine.

Signature: _____ Date: _____



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Guidelines for Entries

For authors:

- Writing entries (short stories, essays, poems) need to be typed or written in black ink on 8.5 x 11 inch white paper. Pages need to be single sided – do not write or draw on both sides of the paper.
- Short stories can be accompanied by illustrations (not in a comic book style); illustrations must be on the same page as text and entry is limited to four (4) pages.
- Short stories (with no illustrations) and essays are limited to two (2) pages single spaced or four (4) pages double spaced.
- Poems are limited to one (1) page (single or double spaced).
- Comics are limited to four (4) pages including both drawings and text. Comics must be outlined in black ink but color may be used to fill them in.
- Acceptable media for comics and illustrations are colored pencils, markers, crayons, or digital color. No collage or paint will be accepted.
- Do not use copyrighted characters in illustrations.

For artists:

- Drawings must be on white 8.5 x 11 inch paper. Drawings may include color.
- Acceptable media for drawings are colored pencils, markers, crayons, or digital color. No collage or paint will be accepted.
- Drawings may be vertical or horizontal, but vertical will display best.
- Do not use notebook or lined paper.
- Digital entries must be scanned. Photos of drawings will not be accepted.
- Do not use copyrighted characters in drawings.

For photographers:

- Photographs must be high resolution images (at least 300 dpi is recommended).
- Photographs may be vertical or horizontal, but vertical will display best.

Submissions may be made three ways:

- By mail – each entry must include an entry form. Mail to:
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- Email – send to: **kids@fargolibrary.org**
Each entry should be a separate email and include an entry form (entry form must be a PDF). For photographs, email entries should be JPEG format.
- In Person – drop off entries at any Fargo Public Library location. Each entry must include an entry form.
Please do not staple your entry – paperclips or envelopes work best.