



Nevada County Reads & Writes

2015 Selection:

TRASH

by Andy Mulligan

~ GUIDELINES FOR NEVADA COUNTY WRITES~ HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS WRITING COMPETITION

Nevada County Reads & Writes is a county-wide program for the entire community. Sponsored by Nevada County Libraries and the Nevada County Superintendent of Schools, it is an annual event wherein the community, including age-appropriate grades, is encouraged to read the same book simultaneously and then participate in subject related school and community events. This year the selection is *TRASH* by Andy Mulligan.

In its fifth year, Nevada County Writes is a writing competition; one for high school students and *now an additional competition* for the public at-large. There is an awards and public readings event of the winning papers in which each group is recognized.

Allow the creative writer in you to be expressed.

Get your creative juices going and participate in this exciting event!

Guidelines for students will be available December 16, 2014 at all high school sites - either from teachers or at the library and on the following websites: www.nevco.org, www.nevadacountyreads.com, <http://nevadaunion.njuhsd.com/Departments/Library/index.html> and <http://bearriver.njuhsd.com/Departments/Library/index.html>. The deadline date for Nevada County Writes student submissions will be midnight on Thursday, February 5, 2015. Awards are as follows:

1st PLACE: \$200
2nd PLACE: \$100
3rd PLACE: \$75

COMPETITION LOGISTICS:

- a. This writing competition is for high school students who have read the 2015 Nevada County Reads selection, *TRASH* by Andy Mulligan.
- b. Writing must be *your* original work of fiction, not to exceed 2000 words, and be read out-loud comfortably in approximately 15 minutes.
- c. Writing must be word processed.
- d. Writing must be double spaced, on 8.5" x 11" paper, with 1 inch margins. Use either Arial 12 point font or Times New Roman 14 point font.
- e. Include a cover sheet. **COVER SHEET MUST BE A SEPARATE DOCUMENT FROM YOUR SHORT STORY** and include the following in this order:
 - Name
 - Student I.D. number (unless your school does not have ID numbers)
 - School of attendance
 - English teacher or school librarian (one mentor or support person if you have someone you would like to list here)
 - E-mail address
 - Telephone number
- f. Cover sheet and writing must be submitted electronically as a PDF e-mail attachment to: nevadacountyreads@nevco.k12.ca.us
- g. Submit no later than Thursday at midnight 2/5/15. **LATE SUBMISSIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.**

WRITING PROMPT:

Write a short story in which you find yourself in circumstances beyond your control. Tell how the situation is ultimately resolved through your own ingenuity.

TIMELINE:

12/16/14	Student packet on-line and distributed to interested students
2/5/15	Writing submitted via e-mail by midnight to nevadacountyreads@nevco.k12.ca.us
2/11/15	Judging
2/26/15	1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd place recipients announced at award ceremony to take place in the Off Center Stage at the Center for the Arts, 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. The program will highlight an awards presentation and the reading of winning stories.
TBD	KNCO/1 st place recipient will read their story on-air – date and program to be determined
TBD	KVMR – date and program to be determined