

CULVER CITY FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY



Culver City Reads

"There's No Place Like Home" Essay Contest

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The Culver City Friends of the Library invite you to participate in **Culver City Reads**, a community-wide reading fest to promote reading, education and literacy. The program encourages people of all ages to read the same book. The book selected for this year is "**The Wizard of Oz**" by L. Frank Baum. Throughout the next several months, the Friends will hold a series of Wizard of Oz events and activities designed to show children and adults alike how books come alive. The program will culminate in an "under the stars" screening of the classic movie "The Wizard of Oz" at Veteran's Park.

The Essay Contest

One of the *Culver City Reads* activities is a "There's No Place Like Home" essay contest. In 300 words or less, please tell us why "**There's No Place Like Home (Culver City).**" Your essay can include why you like living, working, going to school, shopping, dining, and/or just having fun in Culver City.

There are five entry categories: 1) children grades 4-6 (school year 2005/2006); 2) children grades 7-9 (school year 2005-2006); 3) children grades 10-12 (school year 2005/2006); 4) adults (ages 18-54); and 5) seniors (age 55 and above). Six winners will be selected – one in each of the five entry categories and an overall winner for "Best Essay" – and awards will be announced and presented at the Wizard of Oz movie event on August 21, 2005. The "Best Essay" will be **published in the Culver City News**, a "Wizard" level sponsor of *Culver City Reads*.

Contest Entry Rules

1. You must be a member of the Culver City Friends of the Library or hold a County of Los Angeles Public Library Card to be eligible to enter the contest. You may pick up a membership application at the Culver City Julian Dixon Library. Student membership (under 18 years of age) in the Friends of the Library is \$5.00; Individual membership is \$10.00; Senior membership (over 55 years of age) is \$5.00; a County of Los Angeles Public Library Card is FREE.
2. Each contestant must complete and sign the Entry Form and attach his/her essay. For children under 18 years of age, the Entry Form must be signed by a parent or guardian indicating his/her approval.
3. All essays must be submitted on an 8.5" x 11" piece of paper. Be sure to print name and phone number on the back of the paper.
4. Each contestant may submit only one entry. If more than one entry is received, the contestant will be disqualified.
5. Entries must be submitted to the Culver City Friends of the Library and reach us no later than July 29, 2005. Entries will not be accepted and cannot be modified after that date.
6. Entries will not be returned under any circumstances.

Send Your Entry To

Culver City Friends of the Library
"There's No Place Like Home Essay Contest"
4975 Overland Avenue
Culver City, CA 90230

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"There's No Place Like Home" Essay Contest – Entry Form

Please Print

Contestant:

First Name

Last Name

Street Address

City

State

Zip

Home Phone

Work or Cell Phone

Email Address

Entry Category:

_____ Children Grades 4-6 (school year 2005/2006)

_____ Children Grades 7-9 (school year 2005/2006)

_____ Children Grades 10-12 (school year 2005/2006)

_____ Adults

_____ Seniors (age 55 and above)

Parent or Guardian: (This section must also be completed for Children under 18 years of age)

First Name

Last Name

Street Address

City

State

Zip

Home Phone

Work or Cell Phone

Email Address

Disclaimer: By signing this form, I hereby certify that this essay is my/my child's original work. I understand that my entry/my child's entry (i.e., name, entry category, and essay) may be displayed at a place determined by the Culver City Friends of the Library for a period of time to be determined by the Culver City Friends of the Library. I also understand that my/my child's photo may be taken in connection with this contest. All entries and photos taken become the property of the Culver City Friends of the Library and may be used by the Friends of the Library in any and all media now known or hereafter developed for non-commercial and commercial purposes alike. Entries will not be returned under any circumstances.

Contestant Signature or Parent/Guardian Signature (if Contestant is a Minor)

Date

Please attach your essay to this form and return entry to: Culver City Friends of the Library, "There's No Place Like Home" Essay Contest, 4975 Overland Avenue, Culver City, CA 90230