

## DEPOT DAY FESTIVAL 2018 STORY WRITING COMPETITION

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When the Flora Depot was being reconstructed, several objects came to light that had been hidden in a wall of the depot for over eighty years. They were there while the depot served the community and when the last passenger train went through Flora. They stayed hidden when the depot was moved and converted into a laundromat. They survived the 2003 fire that damaged the depot. They didn't surface when volunteers took the depot apart piece by piece. Then, in 2017, construction workers found these items when they were putting the building back together: a pair of women's shoes, a rusty knife, an empty bottle of beer, and several handkerchiefs.

Who put these objects in the wall and why? There is a story there somewhere and we want YOU to write it! Need inspiration? These mysterious objects are displayed in the window of the Community Youth Center, Corner of Main Street and Center Street, downtown Flora. Pictures can be found on the depot website, [www.floraindianadepot.org](http://www.floraindianadepot.org) and the library website, [www.flora.lib.in.us](http://www.flora.lib.in.us).

All residents of Carroll County, including those in other library districts, are eligible to enter the Depot Day Festival 2018 Story Writing Competition. There will be two age divisions, adult and student. The student division will be limited to those writers under the age of 18 as of September 15, 2018. Cash prizes of \$200, \$100, and \$50 will be awarded by a panel of judges for first, second, and third place in each age division. There will also be a grand prize of \$300 for the first place entry from across both age divisions. Non-winning entries will be put in a drawing for a \$25 cash prize. Winners will be announced during the Depot Day Festival on September 22, 2018 in downtown Flora. Winning entries will be published in the Carroll County Comet, on the Flora Library website, and the Flora Depot website.

The competition application and guidelines are available at the library and on its website: [www.flora.lib.in.us](http://www.flora.lib.in.us). PLEASE READ THEM. Submission requirements will be enforced.

Good luck!

Questions? Call the Flora Library at 574-967-3912. If you leave a message your call will be returned as soon as possible. You may also email the library at [floralib@flora.lib.in.us](mailto:floralib@flora.lib.in.us).

**Entries should be submitted to the circulation desk of the Flora Library no later than 2:00 p.m. on September 15, 2018. Entries may be mailed to the Flora Library, 109 N Center ST, Flora IN 46929, postmarked no later than September 15, 2018.**

