

Depot Day Festival 2018 Story Writing Competition Guidelines  
*Sponsored by the Flora Public Library in celebration of the library's centennial.*

Write a story that includes the Flora Depot and the objects found within its walls during reconstruction: a pair of women's shoes, a rusty knife, an empty bottle of beer, and handkerchiefs. **TIP: The objects found in the depot wall probably date to the 1920s.** If you want to see these items, they are on display in the window of the Community Youth Center at the corner of Center Street and Main Street in downtown Flora. A picture is also 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).

Your story can be scary, funny, a mystery—whatever you feel inspired to write!

**IMPORTANT: Please be sure to follow these guidelines to avoid disqualification.**

1. Each entry should be typed on 8 ½ x 11 inch paper in double-spaced Times New Roman font. Don't use italics, bold or otherwise, for the general text. You can use them for effect within the story.
2. No entry can be longer than 10 pages.
3. The title must be included on the first page of the manuscript, as well as on the Entry Form.
4. All pages must be numbered.
5. DO NOT put your name anywhere on your manuscript. Your name should ONLY appear on your entry form. Your manuscript will be assigned a number before it is given to the judges. This keeps the competition anonymous.
6. PAPER CLIP your entry form to your manuscript. No part of your manuscript or entry form should be stapled.
7. There are two divisions: Adult and Student. Student includes anyone who is under the age of 18 as of September 15, 2018. All others are classified as adults. All entrants must be residents of Carroll County, Indiana.
8. Flora Library board members, staff, and their relatives are not eligible to enter the competition.
9. The work MUST BE original and unpublished.
10. By submitting your entry, you have given the Flora Library permission to reproduce your work.
11. Entries should be submitted to the circulation desk of the Flora Library no later than 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, 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.
12. Winners will be announced during the Depot Day Festival on September 22, 2018.
13. Prizes awarded from unrestricted gift funds.