How to Enter

- This competiton is online only.
- Visit **library.armadale.wa.gov.au/armadale-young-writers-awards**.
- Read through the information and the checklist to make sure your story will be at its best and that you meet the criteria to enter.
- Click on the Green **Enter Armadale Young Writers' Awards** button.
- Complete the entry form and attach your story (the story must be in MS word format .docx).

Important Dates

- Entries open on 1 June and close on 30 June.
- Any entries received before or after these dates will not be considered.
- All place getters will be notified by the first week of August.
- Winners will be announced at an Award Presentation in September.
- The winning stories will be available for viewing on the library websiite by the second week in September.

Free Workshop with Nadia L. King

Saturday 14 May, 11am – 12noon at Armadale Library

Nadia L. King is a children's author and award-winning writer who believes passionately in the power of stories to make the world a better place. Her books include *Claire Malone changes the world* and *Jenna's Truth*.

Meet Nadia and gain some new writing skills. We hope you will be inspired to enter!

This session is for students in school years 3 to 12.

Places are limited and bookings are essential. Visit **library.armadale.wa.gov.au** or call 9394 5125 to book your place.
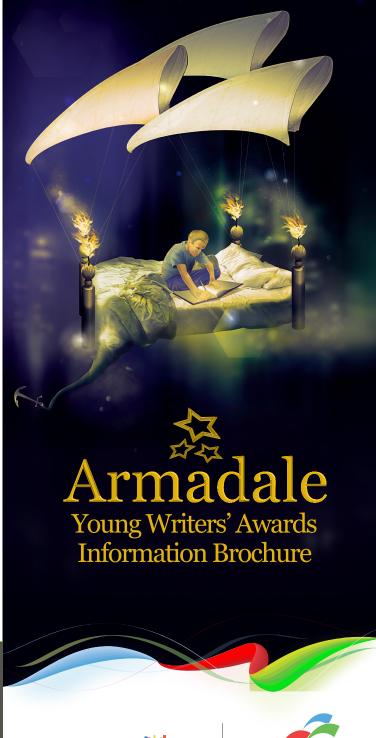
Armadale Library

Armadale Central Shopping Centre Shop 64/10 Orchard Ave, Armadale	9394 5125
Monday to Friday	9am – 8pm
Saturday	9am – 4pm
Sunday	noon – 4pm

Kelmscott Library

Stargate Shopping Centre 2784 Albany Hwy, Kelmscott	9394 5810
Monday to Friday	9am – 6pm
Saturday	9am – noon

Seville Grove Library

78 Champion Drive, Seville Grove	9394 5800
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Hints and Tips Checklist

Check out these writing hints and tips from our competition judges to help you write your best story!

- [ ] Make sure your story is original.
- [ ] Plan your story. Does your story follow the correct structure of a short story? There are lots of websites you can look up to help with this.
- [ ] Choose your font and font size carefully. Is it readable? We prefer Times New Roman, size 12.
- [ ] Have you used paragraphs properly?
- [ ] Use dialogue (the exchange of spoken words between two or more characters) to tell the story rather than explicitly spelling out every plot detail. These qualities were displayed by many previous winning entries.
- [ ] Use Spellcheck. Look at any red squiggly lines underneath words in your story - is the spelling correct? Grammar and punctuation are also important - those wiggly red, green and blue lines are there for a reason.
- [ ] Have you edited, drafted and redrafted your story so it is the best example of what you are capable of writing? Editing and drafting is an important way to pick up errors and make your writing tighter.
- [ ] Use Word Count to make sure you keep within 2000 words.
- [ ] Read your story aloud - does it make sense?
- [ ] Research is important when writing about places/historical periods - extensive research turns into authentic writing and the ability to create a strong sense of place and real characters.
- [ ] Good writers are readers - read the type of stories you like to write, see how authors build tension, create atmosphere and develop real characters with motivations.

Parents
Our judges recommend your child reads their story aloud to you to check it makes sense. Remember you can help with spelling and punctuation but the story must be entirely their own work and an original idea.

You can read previous finalists' stories on our website or visit a City of Armadale Library (Armadale, Kelmscott or Seville Grove) to borrow hard copies.

Armadale
Young Writers' Awards
2022
Online Creative Writing Competition

This award is offered by the City of Armadale to encourage creative writing and expression by our young people.

Place-getters in each category will receive the following:

1st Prize	$200
2nd Prize	$150
3rd Prize	$100
Best Overall	Book Voucher $50

NOTE: Best overall is judged from all place-getters.

Prizes are awarded in each of the following categories:

Year 3 & 4	Year 7 & 8	Year 11 & 12
Year 5 & 6	Year 9 &10	

Conditions of Entry & Guidelines

Please read carefully.

This competition will be held annually starting in June and ending in September with an award presentation.

1. All entrants must either reside or attend school within the City of Armadale, Perth Western Australia.
2. Students must be in school years three to twelve.
3. Entries must be prose. No poetry, scripts, graphic novels, or illustrations.
4. Entries must be the original work of the entrant, and should not be edited by another person.
5. Ideas should be original and not copied from movies, television or books.
6. The word limit is 2000 words or less. Entries that fail to meet this requirement will not qualify for a prize.
7. Late entries will NOT be accepted.
8. One entry per person only. No joint entries.
9. Names should not appear on entry pages (for judging purposes), only on the entry form which must accompany your entry.
10. Quality of writing – to be grammatically correct and free of spelling errors.
11. The judges' decision will be final.
12. The City of Armadale reserves the right not to present an award.

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The entries will be judged by a panel arranged by the organisers who will select the first, second and third place-getters and any highly commended awards. They will then assess all place-getting works to decide the winner of the best overall prize.

Please note
Place-getters will have their works compiled into a book, printed for the prize-giving ceremony in September, where they will receive their free copy. Schools of all place-getters will receive one copy of the anthology for their school library.

Copies will be available for purchase from Armadale Library after the award presentation, while stocks last.

The organisers of the Award reserve the right to publish, or have published, any Award winning entries, or part thereof, and make any necessary corrections.