

## Communications: CREATIVE WRITING

**STATE FAIR ENTRY:** No

**EXHIBIT BY:** All \* items must come to project judging.

Division	Project Book	Record Sheet
Beginner (grades 3 - 5)	Creative-11/13	Creative-RS-11/13*
Intermediate (grades 6 - 8)	Creative-11/13	Creative-RS-11/13*
Advanced (grades 9 - 12)	Creative-11/13	Creative-RS-11/13*
This project book has no activities to complete.		



**JUDGING TIME:** Friday, **July 16** at approximately 2:30 p.m. Check in your project on Friday, **July 16**, between 12:30 p.m. and 1:15 p.m.

### **PROJECT DESCRIPTION:**

4-H members should use their creativity skills to write prose (fiction, non-fiction) – story, autobiography, essay or journal entry, poetry or a children’s story.

### **EXHIBIT:**

Exhibits may be displayed in a binder / notebook. Only one entry or exhibit is required to complete the Creative Writing project. However, 4-H members may choose to have an entry in each of the following 3 Project Categories: Poetry, Prose, or Children’s Story.

### **Creative Writing Project Exhibit Categories**

**Prose:** Story (fiction or nonfiction), autobiography, biography, essay, journal entry or any other prose piece and a record sheet.

**Poetry:** Poem of any length or style and a record sheet.

**Children’s Story:** Story written specifically for young children with illustrations and a record sheet.

### **General Guidelines**

1. All entries are to be **handwritten neatly in ink**.
2. Illustrations are permitted to enhance your exhibit, but are not required, except for the Children’s Story category.
3. All entries must have been written since previous year’s county fair. Work judged in any other writing contest is ineligible for 4-H competition. All entries must be the exclusive work of the 4-H member, NO group projects or collaborations should be submitted for judging.
4. Each entry is to have a title page with the following information: Title, Author, Date, Project Category, Grade in School, and Club.
5. Creative Writing projects may not include excessive blood, gore, violence or sexual themes.
6. Each entry is to be bound to keep it neat and clean during judging and display at the 4-H Fair. Use any type of three-pronged folder or school report cover available at most department stores. You may decorate the cover, or use a report binder with a plastic front so your title page shows through.
7. Neatness counts. Be sure your project is clean, neat, and organized. Protective sheet covers help to keep your project clean.
8. Use any tools available to you to present your exhibit in the best possible way. However, don’t neglect the most important part of this project ...“Creative Writing.” The development of your subject into a poem or story, the creative way you express yourself, and the proper grammatical use of words, are more important to the judge than computer printing and expensive laminating and bindings. Make sure you concentrate on the project, before the presentation of it.
9. Double-check the order of the pages in your binder.
  - a. Title Page (required)
  - b. Description of poetry form (optional for poetry projects only)
  - c. Your writing project (required)
  - d. Bibliography (give credit to sources only if you researched)

e. Author's page (optional, permitted for all three categories)

**NOTE:** Please submit 2 copies of your entry, so the judge may make notes on one. Also note that each division has page limits that must be followed.

**Beginner** - Grades 3-5 - Exhibit one or more of the following:

- 1 to 2 poems 24 lines or less each.
- 1. A poem, a story, autobiography, children's story or any other prose piece consisting of ½-1 full **handwritten** page and record sheet.

**Intermediate** - Grades 6-8 – Exhibit one or more of the following:

- 3 to 4 poems 32 lines or less each.
- A poem, a story, autobiography, children's story or any other prose piece consisting of 2-4 full **handwritten** pages and record sheet

**Advanced** - Grades 9-12 – Exhibit one or more of the following:

- 4 to 6 poems 48 lines or less each.
- A poem, a story autobiography, children's story or any other prose piece consisting of 4-7 full **handwritten** pages and record sheet.