

How to Enter

Submission deadline is **January 6, 2024**.

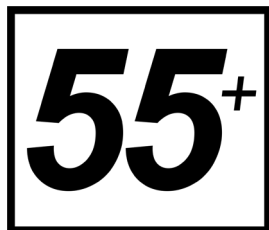
Entries can be dropped off in-person, mailed, or emailed to:

Ajax Public Library
55 Harwood Avenue South
Ajax, ON L1S 2H8
Attn: Elaine Lievaart
libraryinfo@ajaxlibrary.ca

Ajax Community Centre
75 Centennial Road
Ajax, ON L1S 4S4
Attn: Moninder Nahar
55plus@ajax.ca

55+ Ajax Amateur Short Story Contest

**The
theme is
Seasons!**



Contest Information

- Participants must be 55+ and a resident of Ajax.
- Gift certificates will be awarded to the winning stories as follows:
 - 1st prize – \$100
 - 2nd prize – \$50
 - 3rd prize – \$25
- Prizes will be awarded at the judges' discretion. The decision of the judges is final.
- Failure to follow the guidelines and to provide complete, legible, and accurate information on the cover page will disqualify the submission.
- Prizes will be awarded in January 2024.
- The staff and immediate family members of the Ajax Public Library Board, Ajax Public Library, the Older Adults Advisory Committee, the Town of Ajax Recreation & Culture Department, and the Older Adults Task Force are not eligible to enter.



Guidelines for Authors

- The theme for this year's contest is "**Seasons.**"
- Each participant may enter up to two fictional pieces.
- Entries must be the original work of the submitter and may not be submitted or accepted elsewhere for publication. Winners will be asked to sign a disclaimer.
- Entries must be no longer than 1000 words with a word count provided.
- Entries must be double-spaced and typed. Hand written entries will not be considered.
- Entries may be submitted either electronically or hard copy.
- If hard copy, the pages of the work must be clipped together, not stapled.
- Pages must be numbered and the title of the work must appear in the top header, left corner of every page.
- For anonymity in judging, do not identify yourself on the entry itself. Enclose a cover page with the title, your name, address, phone number, email address, and word count.
- The deadline for submissions is **January 6, 2024.**
- Winners will be asked to provide an electronic copy of their submission, if not already provided.
- Winning submissions may be published by the Library or Town of Ajax Recreation & Culture Department.
- Winners will be announced on the 55plus website and Ajax Public Library website.