



# Young Virginia Writers Club

*News & Notes – August 31, 2010*

## **HOT NEWS!!!**

### **YVWC Golden Nib Writing Contest**

**DEADLINE EXTENDED  
to OCTOBER 8**

*Visit our website to download and  
print the guidelines and entry form.*

### **DIDN'T KNOW ABOUT THE CONTEST?**

In a nutshell, this contest has  
three categories in two divisions:

#### **MIDDLE SCHOOL**

*Poetry, Fiction, Nonfiction*

#### **HIGH SCHOOL**

*Poetry, Fiction, Nonfiction*

*Limit (1) entry per category  
in appropriate division.*

**Poetry – 40-line limit  
Fiction & Nonfiction  
1,500 word limit**

#### Submissions by mail only.

*Entries must be formatted  
according to the contest guidelines  
and be accompanied by a  
completed entry form.*

**AWARDS**—Each division & category

1<sup>st</sup> Place \$50    2<sup>nd</sup> Place \$25

3<sup>rd</sup> Place \$10

*Winners will be notified  
by early November.*

September 24-25, 2010

### **Liberty University Writers Conference**

*Lynchburg, Virginia*

Adult fee is \$12 for Friday, \$45 for  
Saturday, or \$50 for Friday and  
Saturday. Student discounts and  
CEU credits are available. Home  
schooled students may attend a  
special Saturday session for \$15.

[www.liberty.edu/writers10](http://www.liberty.edu/writers10)  
(434) 592-3361.

### **Fall Classes for Pre-Teens & Teens at the Muse Writers Center Norfolk, Virginia**

Young Writers Workshop –

A 6-week course **beginning  
Saturday, October 2**. Open to  
writers 8-11 of all levels and  
experience. Tuition \$165.

Fiction Workshop for Teens –

A pair of 7-week courses **beginning  
Saturday October 2 & 9**. Open to  
writers ages 12-18 of all levels and  
experience. Tuition \$180.

[www.the-muse.org](http://www.the-muse.org)

October 20, 2010

### **National Day on Writing**

The U.S. Senate has declared  
October 20 as the *National Day on  
Writing*. This special day is an  
initiative of the National Council of  
Teachers of English to:

- *Celebrate the foundational place of  
writing in Americans' personal,  
professional, and civic lives;*
- *Point to the importance of writing  
instruction and practice at every grade  
level, for every student and in every  
subject area from preschool through  
university;*
- *Emphasize the lifelong process of  
learning to write and composing for  
different audiences, purposes, and  
occasions;*
- *Recognize the scope and range of  
writing done by the American people  
and others and honor the use of the  
full range of media for composing;*
- *Encourage Americans to write and  
enjoy and learn from the writing of  
others.*

If your teacher doesn't have some-  
thing special planned, ask them to  
check out the following website:

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### **Teen Read Week – October 18-24**

*This event is a program of the American Library Association. Check your local  
library to see what they have planned. If they don't have anything going on,  
GET SOMETHING STARTED!*

[www.ala.org/teenread](http://www.ala.org/teenread)

The Young Virginia Writers Club (YVWC) is a TEEN division of the Virginia Writers Club, Inc. Membership is FREE and open to all middle school and high school level students regardless of race, gender, national origin, religion or disability.

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[www.virginiawritersclub.org](http://www.virginiawritersclub.org)

## National Day on Writing

[www.ncte.org/dayonwriting/about](http://www.ncte.org/dayonwriting/about)

There are ideas for the classroom and the community, and there are links to sites where you can check out what others are doing. If your school or homeschooling community doesn't have anything planned, get involved and help make the *National Day on Writing* an event to plan and celebrate each year! E-mail us and let us know how you honored this special day.



## New Voices Competition

Deadline: October 20, 2010

One of the leading competitions in the electronic world for young authors. New Voices encourages reading and writing among middle and high school students while introducing them to the exciting world of e-books and e-publishing, the wave of the literary future. This introduction into the exciting world of e-books and e-publishing is often a launching pad into the world of publishing for many young writers, allowing them their first taste of professional feedback and pushing them to achieve their dream of seeing their words in print. **Entries are to be submitted electronically.** Winners will be recognized at EPICon 2011 in Williamsburg in March.

For guidelines and entry form: [www.newvoicesyoungwriters.com/](http://www.newvoicesyoungwriters.com/)

MARCH 16-20, 2011

# VIRGINIA FESTIVAL OF THE BOOK



**vfh** Virginia Foundation  
for the Humanities

## VA Festival of the Book Poetry & Prose Contest For High School & Middle School Students

One entry per person. Pieces must be poetry or prose. Prose may not exceed 1,000 words. Poetry may not exceed two single-spaced pages. Typed submissions are preferred, but not required. If a student's piece is selected, the student's work will be printed in a booklet, and the student will be invited to read the piece aloud in a special Festival event followed by a reception.

For guidelines and deadline information, contact Nancy Damon at [vabook@virginia.edu](mailto:vabook@virginia.edu) or 434-924-7548, or visit [www.vabook.org](http://www.vabook.org).

## TEEN INK MAGAZINE

<http://www.teenink.com>

Art, stories, poems, and reviews by 13 to 19 year olds.

## STONE SOUP MAGAZINE

<http://www.stonesoup.com>

Art, stories, poems, and reviews by children 8 to 13 year old.

## TEEN VOICES

<http://www.teenvoices.com>

Forum for teenage girls to publish their poems, essays, letters, and stories.

## POETRY RESOURCES FOR TEENS

<http://www.poets.org/page.php/prmID/394>



*Congratulations to high school graduate, ROSE BONO, of Richmond, VA! Rose won the 2010 Hanover Writers \$500 College Scholarship Award. She's pictured above receiving her award from Harvey Tate of the Hanover Writers at the August 7 Hanover Book Festival.*

## VWC College Scholarship Awards

Revised guidelines will be presented to the VWC Board of Governors by the scholarship committee for approval at its Sept. 11 meeting in Williamsburg. As soon as we get the go ahead, guidelines will be posted on our website and e-mailed (or mailed) to all YVWC members.