

Judging Criteria

1. Personal Connection

Emotional Impact: Does the story convey a strong emotional connection to the library? How has the library personally affected the storyteller?

Authenticity: Is the story genuine and heartfelt? Does it reflect a true experience?

2. Specificity

Detail: Are the details specific and vivid? Does the story provide concrete examples of how the library made a difference?

Clarity: Is the story clear and easy to understand? Are the experiences described in a way that paints a clear picture?

3. Relevance

Alignment with Library Services: How well does the story align with the services or resources provided by the library? Does it highlight particular programs or aspects of the library?

Impact on Life: Does the story clearly illustrate how the library has had a meaningful impact on the storyteller's life?

4. Transformation

Personal Growth: Does the story show how the library contributed to the storyteller's personal growth or development?

5. Narrative Quality

Engagement: Is the story engaging and compelling? Does it hold the reader's or listener's attention?