Ghost Story Writing Contest

Hidden mysteries, ancient horrors, and voices from the beyond...

...want you to tell their story!

Submit your well-written ghost story (500-1200 words)

by Midnight, Wednesday, October 29th, to ssrlib@library.wisc.edu

Contest winners' stories will be published in the contest booklet and winners may also receive other prizes.

Please see reverse side of this flyer for full application rules and format.

http://socialsciref.library.wisc.edu/ghoststories.html
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Deadline: Wednesday, October 29th, 2014 by Midnight

Submitting your story is easy!
1) Read the rules below.
2) Submit your story to ssrlib@library.wisc.edu before the deadline.
   That’s it!

Contest Rules:
1) Your Story: Please write and submit an original, well-written, creative, interesting, and engaging ghost story. All submitted stories must be your own completely new and original writing. Do not submit stories with any text written by other people, stories written by groups, or stories which are machine-generated. Please submit only one story per applicant. Group applications will not be accepted.
2) Who can apply: The contest is only open to currently registered UW-Madison students. Relatives of judges and/or current or former student employees supervised by the judges will not be eligible.
3) Do not submit a story that you have currently or previously submitted to any other places, including (but not limited to) class assignments, publishers, websites, email lists, magazines, newsletters, clubs, or other contests.
4) All submitted stories must use your own completely new fictional characters. Do not submit “fan fiction” or any stories based on, related to, or with events, characters, or locations drawn from other works of fiction including (but not limited to) movies, television, websites, novels, or short stories. Do not use the names of any UW-Madison faculty, students, or staff for the characters in your story.
5) Stories must be written in English to be considered.
6) In order to be published in the Ghost Writing Contest souvenir booklet, contest winners will be required to sign a copyright and use release form permanently transferring copyright to the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

Submission Format and Guidelines:
1) Length: Each story should be close to 500-1200 words (about 2 - 5 pages, double spaced).
2) Format: Please use 1” margins, double-spaced pages, and 12 point Times New Roman or Calibri font.
3) Please email your story as an attached file to: ssrlib@library.wisc.edu using your own official @wisc.edu email address. Please put “Ghost Story Contest Submission” in the email subject line. Stories received from Gmail, Yahoo, or other email systems will not be considered.
4) Document type: Please submit your story as a textual Microsoft Word document only. Do not submit TXT files, scanned pages, PDFs, image files, zipped or compacted files, or any other file format. Do not submit your story application as a link from which your story can be downloaded.
5) Labels: Please include, on the top of the first page:
   a. Your full name, as it appears in your UW-Madison student records.
   b. A story title
   c. The total word count
   d. The date
   e. Your email address
6) Applicants will receive an email receipt for their story application by Thursday, October 30, 5pm.

Prizes and Judging:
1) The stories will be judged by UW-Madison librarians. All awarded prizes are provided as external non-tax-deductible gifts, and are not paid from university or state funds.
2) First, second, and third prize: Award certificate and a copy of the Oxford Book of Victorian Ghost Stories
3) First prize through tenth prize: stories will appear in the complimentary Ghost Story Writing Contest souvenir booklet.
4) Prizes and awards will be announced by email to all applicants and on the contest website on Friday, October 31st, at noon/12pm. http://socialsciref.library.wisc.edu/ghoststories.html

If you have questions about these rules, please email ssrlib@library.wisc.edu