

# SELB SHORT STORY COMPETITION

Organised through a partnership of the **Library Service and the Curriculum and Advisory Support Service of the Southern Education and Library Board**

## RULES

1. The competition is open to all members of the public except current SELB Library Service staff. There is no entry fee.
2. The theme of the competition is “*My Library*” and entries should reflect real or imaginary experiences of using local and mobile libraries.
3. Entries should be no longer than 2,500 words for writers over 17 years. It is accepted that entries may be considerably shorter, especially those from younger writers.
4. Entrants are invited to submit as many stories as they wish. A separate entry form must be attached to each manuscript submitted (the form photocopied where necessary).
5. Entries are to remain anonymous. Please do not write your name on your manuscript. Use the application form provided. (see attached)
6. Entries must be entirely original works, have not been previously published or been prize-winning entries in any other competition.
7. While copyright remains with the entrant, the SELB reserves the right to publish part or all of any of the entries in connection with the competition.
8. The judging panel will include representatives of the partnership.
9. **Prizes will be awarded as follows:**
  - a. **17 and over age category:** £100.00 and £200.00 of new books for the winning entry.
  - b. **Age 11 and under 17 years:** A prize of £50.00 for the young writer and £150.00 of new books for the secondary school attended.
  - c. **Under 11 years of age:** A prize of £30.00 for the young writer and £100.00 of new books for the school attended.
- (Age on closing date applies in all cases)
10. Additional prizes may be awarded to entries of outstanding quality.
11. Winning entries will be included in an anthology of short stories to be published in March 2009. The anthology will also include stories for the parallel competition being organised for SELB Library Service staff.
12. **The decision of the judges will be final.**
13. The organisers will not accept responsibility for the loss or damage of any manuscripts entered or displayed. Please make sure you make a copy before submitting your entry as manuscripts cannot be returned.
14. Entries for the competition must be marked SELB “My Library” Short Story Competition and delivered to:  
Katherine Gibson, Administrative and Finance Officer, Library Headquarters,  
1 Markethill Road, Armagh. BT60 1NR or emailed to  
[katherine.gibson@ni-libraries.net](mailto:katherine.gibson@ni-libraries.net).
15. Closing date for all entries: **Monday 1 December 2008**