

# All Pikes Peak Writes 2019

## Ages 19 - 24

### The Challenge:

Write an original fiction story of up to 2,500 words that begins with the sentence “A strange light appeared in the sky.” The rest is up to you!

### Guidelines:

- The entry must begin with the line “A strange light appeared in the sky.”
- Must be ages 19 to 24.
- Must be an El Paso County resident
- Word count must not exceed 2,500 words. Word count will be established by using Microsoft Word 2010. Points will be automatically deducted from the total score of the piece if the word count exceeds 2,500 words.
- Pieces must include title page with title and author’s name. The author’s name *should not* appear anywhere else on the document.
- Pieces must be double-spaced and in 12 point Times New Roman or Calibri font with the title and page number in the upper right-hand corner.
- Only one entry per person.
- Must fill out the form and submit your story below by July 15 at 9 p.m. The file format should be PDF, .doc, or.docx. If you need to convert a file, please visit a library location.
- Failure to follow the guidelines will result in disqualification.

### FAQs

- When will I know if I have won?
  - We will notify participants in early August if they have won an award. All participants and their friends and family are invited to the Awards Ceremony on August 24 in the East Library Community Room, regardless of if they won an award.
- Are you publishing the anthology again?
  - Yes! We will be publishing the top 3 stories in all categories (Middle School, High School, 19-24, and 25+).
- Will I get feedback for my work?
  - Yes! You will receive a copy of the judges’ comments after the awards ceremony.
- Do I have to turn in my story online?
  - Yes. To better facilitate the process, we are requiring all stories be turned in digitally. You can stop by any PPLD location to use one of our computers for this purpose.

Submit your story at:

[cognitofrms.com/PikesPeakLibraryDistrict3/allpikespeakwrites20191924category](http://cognitofrms.com/PikesPeakLibraryDistrict3/allpikespeakwrites20191924category)