

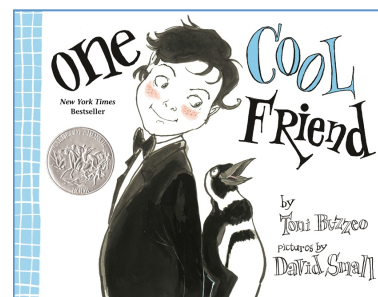
Young Authors' Festival 2014

Student Writing Contest

In the book *One Cool Friend* by Toni Buzzeo, Elliot comes home with a very special friend after a trip to the aquarium. Students in 3rd-5th grades are encouraged to enter an original poem, story, or essay focused on friendship in this year's writing contest.

Contest Rules:

- **Theme: Friendship**
 - You might consider the following: Who or what makes a good friend? What is special about friendship? How have you been a friend to someone? What are the challenges of friendship? How have you changed as a friend? Who is your best friend? How have you celebrated friendship?
- You may enter if you are in 3rd, 4th, or 5th grade.
- Submit one piece of writing. There's no maximum or minimum length. You may include an illustration.
- Your writing must be original.
- Typed entries are appreciated.
- Three prizes will be awarded to each grade; one grand prize winner will be selected.
- Winners will receive gift cards and be invited to read aloud their entries at the Young Authors' Festival.
- **Do not put your name on the entry. A second sheet must be submitted with the following information:**
 - Name and grade
 - Home address
 - Title of contest entry
 - School name & address
 - Name and e-mail address of sponsoring teacher or parent



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Entries must be emailed or postmarked by **Friday, October 24, 2014**. Winners will be notified mid-November. E-mailed entries should be sent as an attachment. Send entries to: Barbara Kriigel, Mardigian Library, University of Michigan-Dearborn, 4901 Evergreen, Dearborn, MI 48128 or by e-mail to yaf-contest@umich.edu.

Everyone is invited to attend the Young Authors' Festival on **Saturday, November 22, 2014** at the University of Michigan-Dearborn Mardigian Library. For more details, see the event's website:

<http://library.umd.umich.edu/events/YAF>