



KCPT ANNOUNCES ANNUAL PBS KIDS WRITERS CONTEST

Kansas City area Kids in Grades K-3 Encouraged to Submit Original Stories

Kansas City, MO February 10, 2016 – Today, KCPT announced its annual [PBS KIDS Writers Contest](#), designed to promote the advancement of children’s literacy skills through hands-on, active learning. The Contest empowers children in grades K-3 to celebrate creativity and build literacy skills by writing and illustrating their very own stories.

“KCPT is committed to helping Kansas City area children build valuable literacy skills through fun, hands-on opportunities to express their creativity and explore their imagination”, said Gary Brock, KCPT Director of Education. “By providing opportunities for Kansas City area kids to learn and explore through creative writing, KCPT is making a commitment to its children and their long term success, in school and in life.”

How the Contest Works

From February 1 through April 15, 2016, children in the Kansas City area can submit their entries to the KCPT PBS KIDS Writers Contest. KCPT will select local winners and award prizes in the spring of 2016.

Creative Writing Resources

The Contest is supported by a robust set of resources for children, parents and teachers which can be found at [kcpt.org/write](#). Story ideas, activity sheets are available on the Contest website to inspire children during the brainstorming process. [PBS LearningMedia](#) also offerings a [collection of online teacher resources](#) for use in classrooms nationwide.

To enter the Contest and for more information on entry rules and contest resources visit [kcpt.org/write](#).

About KCPT

KCPT is a nonprofit, community-owned television station serving the greater Kansas City area that provides programming and services—on air and off—that entertain, educate and enrich the community. For more information about KCPT’s programs and services, or to become a member and support public television in Kansas City, please go to [kcpt.org](#).

About PBS KIDS

PBS KIDS, the number one educational media brand for kids, offers all children the opportunity to explore new ideas and new worlds through television, online, mobile and community-based programs. Kidscreen- and Webby-award winning [pbskids.org](#) provides engaging interactive content, including the PBS KIDS video player, now offering free streaming video accessible on computer- and mobile-device-based browsers. For more information on specific PBS KIDS content supporting literacy, science, math and more, visit [pbs.org/pressroom](#), or follow PBS KIDS on [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#).

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