

# Submission Guidelines

## Community Anthology Project

The Community Anthology Project is Selwyn Public Library's first ever published collection of short stories, poems and writing. We hope that through this project we can deepen our community's connection to local literature, promote creativity, and strengthen patrons' bond with the library. We impose no restriction on genre and will accept any submissions of quality short fiction, nonfiction, or poetry. **We will only accept works that have not been previously published either online or in print.** Please note, we are not able to accept submissions that are overtly political or religious in nature. We will not consider any works generated or produced by artificial intelligence. We will only consider submissions by patrons of Selwyn Public Library.

### HOW TO SUBMIT

Submissions can be sent via email to Jessica Clement, our assistant librarian, at [jclement@mypubliclibrary.ca](mailto:jclement@mypubliclibrary.ca) as one attachment (PDF / .doc / .docx), including the following information:

- Author's name (if you are submitting under a pen name, please also include your legal name)
- Genre
- Title of work
- Phone number
- Email
- Indicate if the author is **under the age of 18** at the time of submission

Submissions can also be made through our [Submission Form](#) on our website.

### SUBMISSION DEADLINE: JANUARY 29TH, 2025

You may submit **one to five pieces** of any genre (fiction, nonfiction, poetry) for consideration. You may submit your work under a pen name or legal name. All submissions will be collected and read blindly by our editing group after identifying information has been removed by our assistant librarian. Unfortunately we are unable to accept simultaneous submissions (writing that you have sent to multiple publications for consideration).

### FICTION AND NONFICTION

We welcome literary fiction submissions in all forms, including those that incorporate experimental elements. We will happily consider self-contained excerpts of novels and long stories. Nonfiction memoirs, personal essays, lyrical and experimental work are all acceptable formats. **Please limit fiction and nonfiction submissions to a maximum of 3,000 words each.**

### POETRY

When submitting poems please consider line breaks, spacing, and other formal elements of your piece. If these elements are an important attribute of your work please consider submitting your piece via PDF format. **Please limit poetry submissions to a maximum of 8 pages each.**

*Unfortunately we are unable to offer monetary compensation or free prints to our contributors, but authors of all accepted submissions will be formally thanked and recognized at our launch event. We greatly appreciate your contribution to this collaborative community project in support of the library.*