



NEVADA COUNTY READS & WRITES

2018 Selection:

EVERYTHING I NEVER TOLD YOU

By Celeste Ng

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS WRITING COMPETITION

GUIDELINES

GENERAL INFORMATION

Nevada County Reads & Writes is a county-wide program for the entire community. Sponsored by Nevada County Libraries and the Nevada County Superintendent of Schools, it is an annual event wherein the community, including age-appropriate grades, is encouraged to read the same book simultaneously and then participate in subject related school and community events. This year the selection is EVERYTHING I NEVER TOLD YOU by Celeste Ng.

In its eighth year, Nevada County Writes is a writing competition for high school students. There is an awards and public readings event of the winning papers in which all participating students are recognized.

Allow the writer in you to be expressed. Get your creative juices going and participate in this inspiring program!

Guidelines for students available November 20, 2017 at all high school sites - either from teachers or at the library and on the following websites:

<https://www.mynevadacounty.com/2395/Nevada-County-Reads-Writes-2018>

<http://nevco.org/nevada-county-reads-writes-2018/>

<http://bearriver.njuhsd.com/Library/Reading/Nevada-County-Reads-and-Writes/index.html>

The deadline date for Nevada County Writes student submissions will be midnight on Wednesday, February 21, 2018. Awards are as follows:

1st PLACE: \$200

2nd PLACE: \$100

3rd PLACE: \$75

COMPETITION LOGISTICS

- This writing competition is for high school students who have read the 2018 Nevada County Reads selection, EVERYTHING I NEVER TOLD YOU by Celeste Ng.
- Writing must be *your* original work of fiction, not to exceed 2000 words, and can be read aloud comfortably in approximately 15 minutes.
- Writing must be word processed and formatted as follows: double spaced, on 8.5" x 11" paper, with 1 inch margins. Use either Arial 12-point font or Times New Roman 14-point font.
- Include a cover sheet that is a SEPARATE document from your short story even though you are submitting at the same time, in the same email. **COVER SHEET MUST BE A SEPARATE DOCUMENT FROM YOUR SHORT STORY** and include the following in this order:
 - Name
 - Student I.D. number (unless your school does not have ID numbers)
 - School of attendance
 - English teacher or school librarian (Additionally, if you have someone you honor as a mentor or support person, you may list that person here.)
 - E-mail address
 - Telephone number
- Cover sheet and writing must be submitted electronically, in the same email, as a PDF e-mail attachment to: nevadacountyreads@nevco.org
- Submit no later than Wednesday at midnight 2/21/18. **LATE SUBMISSIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.**

WRITING PROMPT:

- Write a fiction story that reflects on one (or more) of these focal points:
 - Mental health
 - Societal issues such as history, racism, or gender
 - Family issues such as birth order or the value of communicating
 - Portraying a character as being highly perceptive and the moral center of your story, as was Hannah's role in the novel
 - School pressure, parental pressure, pressure to perform

TIMELINE:

11/20/17	Student packet on-line and distributed to teachers/students/libraries
2/21/18	Writing submitted via e-mail by midnight to nevadacountyreads@nevco.org
3/2/18	Judging
3/8/18	1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd place recipients announced at award ceremony to take place in the Off Center Stage at the Center for the Arts, 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. The program will highlight an awards presentation and the reading of winning stories. (Additionally, winners may be requested to do on-air readings on either KNCO or KVMR radio stations during the weeks of March 11-24, 2018.

