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## Orinda launches all-email Poul Anderson writing contest

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The Poul Anderson Creative Writing Contest is now open to all students who reside and/or attend high school in Orinda. The contest is run by the Friends of the Orinda Library and is named in honor of the late Poul Anderson, a popular science-fiction writer and Orinda resident, who was a friend to the community for 40 years. For the first time this year, entries will be accepted by email only, owing to the COVID-19 pandemic.

As in the past, there are four categories: Science Fiction/Fantasy, Essay/Memoir/Biography, Poetry and Short Story. Students may submit one entry in any of the four categories for a total of not more than three entries. The deadline for submission is Friday, April 16 at noon.

Entries will be evaluated by a panel of local judges who are involved professionally in reading, writing or publishing. Up to four winners will each be awarded \$500 prizes at the close of this school year, underwritten by the Friends of the Orinda Library.

All electronic submissions must be Microsoft Word or Adobe PDF attachments. No Google Doc or Dropbox links will be accepted. Electronic submissions must be emailed to [contest@friendsoftheorindalibrary.org](mailto:contest@friendsoftheorindalibrary.org)

More information is available of the Friends of the Orinda Library website, <http://friendsoftheorindalibrary.org>

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