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CPL ANNOUNCES WINNERS OF WRITING CONTESTS WITH A VIRTUAL AWARDS CEREMONY

Bolton, ON – Caledon Public Library (CPL) writing contests have always been a wonderful opportunity to showcase local talent and historically would culminate in an awards ceremony celebrating creativity and community. This year we celebrated our resilience too. At a time when togetherness seems both more challenging and more critically important than ever, CPL still was able to host the awards ceremony but this time virtually.

The awards ceremony for CPL’s 2020 Flash Fiction Writing Contest for Adults & Teen and Adult Poetry Contest took place on June 9, 2020 on Zoom. The contests, sponsored by Friends of Caledon Public Library, the fundraising arm of the library, offered aspiring writers a venue on which to showcase their literary flair. “The caliber of stories and poems received was outstanding” says Marty Harrison, President of Friends of Caledon Public Library. “I applaud the many ways the Library is reaching out to our community in such challenging times and providing such positive focus”.

And the winners are:

Teen Flash Fiction Short Story Contest

- 1st place *Smile* by Crystal Strachan
- 2nd place *The Icebreaker* by Taylor Martin-Robbins
- 3rd place *Graveyard Dirt* by Sarah Morin

Adult Flash Fiction Short Story Contest

- 1st place *Camino* by Karen Alison
- 2nd place *The Kindness of Strangers* by Elaine Coish
- 3rd place *Annette Gibbons 1950-2009: A Life* by Judy Zarowny
- 3rd place *The End of Narcissa Clare* by Anita Coossa

Adult Poetry Contest

- 1st place *Perversities of Timing* by Elaine Coish
- 2nd place *Hostage* by Kyla Munden
- 3rd place *Anxiety* by Judy Zarowny

Thank you to all those writers that entered and congratulations to the winners.

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About Caledon Public Library

Supporting a growing community of communities across 700 square kilometers, **Caledon Public Library** offers services, collections and programs in our six branches. Located in small villages as well

as urban centres, these hubs serve as the cornerstones of the community, connecting people to information and each other. With an ever expanding number of digital tools, CPL provides access to downloadable eBooks and streaming movies and music. Whether connecting, collaborating or creating in our spaces or discovering and getting inspired from the comfort of home, all is possible – and free - with your library card.

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