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### 31<sup>st</sup> SHORT STORY WRITING CONTEST TAKING SUBMISSIONS FOR GRADES 5-8

The Friends of the Southeast Steuben County Library and the Donovan Academy, which is the Corning-Painted Post School District's arts in the classroom component, are sponsoring their annual Short Story Contest for students in grades 5 through 8.

The contest is open to students who live in the Southeast Steuben County Library service area, including those who are homeschooled.

The contest is divided into two categories: fifth and sixth graders, and seventh and eighth graders.

Guidelines and entry forms have been distributed to elementary and middle schools in the area. These forms are also available at the Children's Department desk in the library.

The deadline to enter the contest is Jan. 27, and stories should be submitted to the Southeast Steuben County Library at 300 Nasser Civic Center Plaza, Suite 101, Corning, N.Y. 14830

Winning entries from previous contests can be viewed at the Southeast Steuben County Library and at local school libraries. The collections are titled, *Our Own Authors*.

A Writer's Tea and Award Ceremony will be held at the conclusion of judging March 5 at 6 p.m. Winning entries will be bound and published in a volume that will be distributed to the school libraries in the district.

For more details, call the Children's Department at (607) 936-3713 ext. 503.