



Loft on EIGHTH

Call for Submissions

OPEN CALL FOR 2022!

Loft 112 and the Calgary Central Public Library are working together again and are now re-opened for submissions to fill the Short Story Dispenser with new stories from ALBERTA writers!

What is the Short Story Dispenser?

The Short Story Dispenser delivers short stories and poetry on demand to enchant readers with free, unexpected, original writing, vending-machine style. At the push of a button, readers choose a 1, 3 or 5 minute story which is unfurled on eco-friendly paper and ready to take and read on the go.

To learn more, click here: <https://www.avenuecalgary.com/city-life/calgary-central-library-short-story-dispenser/>

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1 minute stories (fiction, poetry) up to 350 words max/ 2600 characters including spaces

3 minutes stories (fiction, poetry) up to 750 words max/4800 characters including spaces

5 minute stories (fiction, poetry) up to 1200 words max/ 8,000 characters including spaces

These are our terms of publication:

- Upon submission, all stories must be original and not published already

- Short Édition asks for fiction. If nonfiction, personal essay etc can pass as fiction writing, please submit. We encourage narrative poetry, too.
- All stories must be submitted ready for publication (ie, there is no editing service)
- If approved, you will be given the information to access the Short Story Dispenser to create your own user page to add a bio and upload your own writing
- Your piece will remain in circulation indefinitely (unless otherwise notified).
- If your piece is accepted elsewhere, you must notify Short Édition to have your piece removed from circulation (details to do this will be made available)
- You will not be paid unless Short Édition chooses your work to include in the international rotation
- The Short Story Dispenser is housed on the main floor, near the children's section and Luke's coffee shop. Anyone can take and read a story. Keep this in mind when you submit and yes, we want material geared towards young readers as well.
- Please submit to loftonetwelve@gmail.com with Short Story Dispenser in the subject line and include a short bio in the body of your email and if you are submitting for a 1, 3, or 5 minute story

SUBMITTING TO THE SHORT STORY DISPENSER FAQs

- you may submit up to 2 pieces
- We are looking for Alberta writers
- We are looking for diverse voices
- readers receive a piece of writing without context, blurb etc. so keep this in mind: Any age, anyone, will read any piece

- all pieces will be reviewed

We are simply looking for good writing. What does that mean? Here's some tips:

- have a hook
- something has to happen
- satisfy your reader
- a compelling character, but only highlight important details
- a setting, but only include unique aspects, let the reader do the rest
- conflict; something has to happen. Tension is good, establish a mood
- plot and character are not a focus, but perhaps should contain both
- emphasis on movement.
- each sentence should reveal something new that wasn't visible at first. Peel back layers, each word/sentence at a time
- hint at a larger story (but don't be ambiguous)
- intense prose
- attentive language
- crackling narrative
- powerful central image
- huge meaning in few words
- original wording
- a compressed piece of writing is not simply a shorter short story, a synopsis or a longer story pared down

- These are just tips if you should need some...or just write away! We look forward to reading your submission. Do count your characters. We won't do that for you. We expect a good number of submissions.

Thanks for considering this.

Sincerely yours,

The *Loft on* EIGHTH Publishing Team-