



# Rochester Area Literacy Council Student Publishing Project

## 2019-2021 Theme: *So Runs the River*

The theme of the eleventh Rochester Area Literacy Council's (RALC) publishing opportunity, *So Runs the River* provides kindergarten through twelfth grade students with the opportunity to publish their written work relating to their creative and inventive imagination or their physical, social, emotional or cultural environment.

Student work may be completed at home or in school or some other organization. Specific topics and modes or genres of writing are open to the author's purpose, perspective and voice. Entries submitted for consideration must be revised/edited with adult consultation to the publishable stage. The RALC Publishing Project Committee is willing to help with consultation anytime between now and the June 1<sup>st</sup> due date. If a student wants their work reviewed, they must submit it by May 21<sup>st</sup> in order to receive the feedback and make revisions in time for final submission. A legible and complete cover sheet and permission form must accompany each entry.

Student entries will be evaluated by a committee of local educators using guidelines provided in this packet and models of student work provided on the RALC web site. Selected entries will be compiled and published by the Rochester Area Literacy Council into a full color book. The author of a published entry will be awarded a complimentary copy of the book.

Timeline	
<b>Now-May 21, 2021</b>	Entries and cover sheets can be submitted to the RALC committee for review and feedback. Send submission electronically as a Word file or a Google doc file to <a href="mailto:pmartin1576@gmail.com">pmartin1576@gmail.com</a> .
<b>June 1, 2021</b>	All FINAL entries and cover sheets must be sent electronically (as a Word file or a Google doc file) to <a href="mailto:pmartin1576@gmail.com">pmartin1576@gmail.com</a> .
<b>Fall 2021-Date TBD</b>	Published authors and their families will be invited to a celebration where each student will receive a free copy of <i>So Runs the River</i> .

# Guidelines

1. Guidelines and timelines must be followed for work to be accepted.
2. The cover sheet must be legible (printed) and complete.
3. Entries must have a title and genre to be accepted.
4. Writing may be any genre: perspective or biographical narrative; informative, descriptive or persuasive essay; memoir; song lyrics; satire; short story, or poem. Acrostic poetry will not be accepted. Work must be original to the author.
5. The entries for all grades must be typed (Comic Sans, black, 12 point font, 1.5 spaced) with the student's name on each page and numbered pages. Name the file with the student's last name, first initial and title of entry.
6. Completed K-5 entries should not exceed 2 pages; 6-12 entries should not exceed 4 pages.
7. All entries must be revised, edited, and publication ready before submission. Publishable work is clear, organized and free of grammatical or technical errors. Final editing should be done with the adult who must sign the cover sheet.
8. The standards and models describe the quality of work worthy of publication. The standards and models taken from past RALC publications can be found on the RALC website [www.rochesterarealiteracycouncil.org](http://www.rochesterarealiteracycouncil.org) .
9. The editor may suggest some revisions and edits before the work is accepted. The editor may make minor revisions and edits before the work is published.
10. Quotations and source material must be cited and documented. For information and guidelines about documenting resources, visit [www.rochesterarealiteracycouncil.org](http://www.rochesterarealiteracycouncil.org).
11. Multiple students' submissions of a single class assignment will not be accepted.
12. All living individuals mentioned by name or shown in photographs have given written permission for their name or likeness to appear in the publication.
13. Any use of business logos or symbols has been approved by the company represented
14. Address questions and concerns directly to Pat Martin: [pmartin1576@gmail.com](mailto:pmartin1576@gmail.com)



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## Cover Sheet and Publication Permission Form

This form must be printed, complete and legible (Please print). One form must accompany each entry.

Entry Title \_\_\_\_\_ Genre \_\_\_\_\_

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_  
(first) (last)

Teacher Name \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher's Email \_\_\_\_\_

Adult Editor's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Parent(s) Name \_\_\_\_\_

Parent(s) Email \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_

Grade \_\_\_\_\_ Building \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_

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I give permission to publish \_\_\_\_\_'s writing in

Print student's full name

the Rochester Area Literacy Council's *So Runs the River* and to be featured on their website (rochesterarealiteracycouncil.org) I understand that

- The publishing committee will use the first name, grade, building and district to identify any student.
- The publishing committee has the right to edit text as needed for publication.
- All written work becomes the property of RALC and will not be returned.

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Parent or guardian signature

Date