



Winter Writing Contest 2021

Dear Teens and Adults,

In keeping with the theme: "The Idea of Change", take a look at these four historic photos and imagine what life was like when they were taken. What social or political changes have occurred since then? What were people experiencing then compared to now, with our Covid-19 pandemic? What else has changed over the years? Choose one of the photos, and write a fictional short story, poem, or creative nonfiction essay (up to 1500 words) using it as inspiration. We encourage you to research the time period or event to learn more about it.

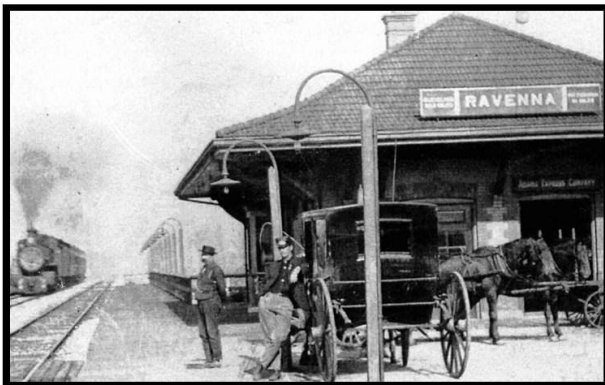
Winner receives a \$50 prize plus publication of his or her story. See submission form below.



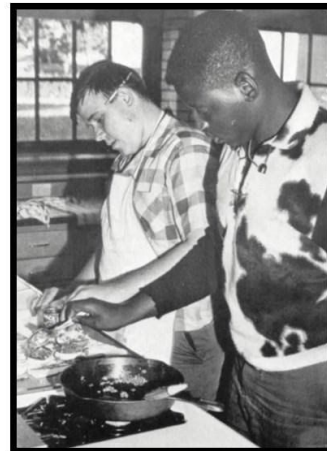
Oak Rubber employees making war supplies in Ravenna, Ohio, 1944.



Parade on Main Street. Ravenna, Ohio, circa 1950.



Waiting at the Pennsylvania Railroad train station, circa 1910.



Ravenna High School, 1967.



Winter Writing Festival 2021 Writing Contest Entry Form

Deadline: Friday, January 15, 2021

Submissions may be emailed as a MSWord file to contest@mainstreetravenna.org or dropped off at the front desk at Reed Memorial Library. Questions? Contact Main Street Ravenna at 330-235-9509.

Maximum of one submission per Teen or Adult.

Include THIS cover page with submissions that contain the following information:

- Name of Writer: _____
- Age and/or Grade of Writer: _____
- School Name: _____

- Name and phone number of parent or guardian (this is required for submissions to be accepted if the writer is under 18 years of age). SEE BELOW

The top 5 entries will be selected for publication in a book that will be kept at Reed Memorial Library, School libraries as well as available for sale on Amazon.

By signing this form below, you give Main Street Ravenna permission to publish your entry if it is one of the top 5 chosen for publication in your category. You also agree to give Main Street Ravenna permission to utilize the writings of this winner in other projects which may work to the benefit of the community, such as public art, etc. All proceeds from the sales of the books will go to Main Street Ravenna, a non-profit 501(c)3 organization committed to the revitalization of the community of Ravenna. Authors will not be compensated for their work or receive any payments from sales. Acceptance or refusal of publication will not affect the likelihood of winning the contest.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Phone number and Email Address

Your Signature, or Parent/Guardian Signature if under 18 (required)