



2012 Selection: *The Help* by Kathryn Stockett

~ GUIDELINES FOR NEVADA COUNTY WRITES! ~
an addition to Nevada County Reads!

Nevada County Reads & Writes!

Nevada County Reads! is a county-wide program for the whole community. It is sponsored by Nevada County Libraries and the Nevada County Superintendent of Schools. It is an annual event wherein the community, including age-appropriate grades, is encouraged to read the same book simultaneously and then participate in subject related school and community events. This year the selection is *The Help* by Kathryn Stockett.

In its second year, Nevada County Writes! is a **writing competition for high school students**, with awards and public readings of the winning papers. We hope you find it to be enticing. Get your creative juices going and participate!

Guidelines for students will be available February 3, 2012 at all high school sites - either from teachers or at the library and on the following websites: www.nuhsd.org/NevadaUnion.cfm?subpage=314630, www.nevco.k12.ca.us, www.njuhdsd.com/BearRiver.cfm?subpage=301897 and www.nevadacountyreads.com. The deadline date for Nevada County Writes! student submissions will be midnight on Wednesday, March 28, 2012. Awards are as follows:

1st PLACE: \$200
2nd PLACE: \$100
3rd PLACE: \$75

COMPETITION LOGISTICS:

- a. This writing competition is for high school students who have read the 2012 Nevada County Reads! selection, *The Help* by Kathryn Stockett.
- b. Writing must be *your* original work of fiction, not to exceed 2000 words, and be read out-loud comfortably in approximately 10 minutes.

- c. Writing must be word processed.
- d. Writing must be double spaced, on 8.5 x 11 paper, with 1 inch margins. Use either Arial or Times New Roman 12 point font.
- e. You must have a COVER SHEET SEPARATE FROM THE PAPER that includes the following in this order:
 - Name
 - Student I.D. number (unless your school does not have ID numbers)
 - School of attendance
 - English teacher or school librarian (one mentor or support person if you have someone you would like to list here)
 - E-mail address
 - Telephone number
- f. Cover sheet and writing must be submitted electronically as a PDF e-mail attachment to: nevadacountyreads@nevco.k12.ca.us
- g. Submit no later than midnight 3/28/12. **LATE SUBMISSIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.**

WRITING PROMPT:

Write a fictional piece that follows the same premise of intolerance and prejudice as found in *The Help*.

TIMELINE

1/31/12	Student packet on-line and distributed to interested students
3/28/12	Writing submitted via e-mail by midnight to nevadacountyreads@nevco.k12.ca.us
4/5/12	Judging
4/10/12	1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd place recipients announced at award ceremony to take place in the Granucci Room at the Center for the Arts, 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. The program will highlight students' reading of their winning story, awards presentation, and Storyteller Lucinda deLorimier sharing a chapter from her life.
4/19/12	1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd place recipients will appear on NCTVs 'Nevada County Interviews' to take place 3:45 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. at the NCTV studio where they will read their winning stories.