

Rules and Guidelines
Jackson/Madison County Library Short Story Contest
Sponsored by West Tennessee Healthcare Foundation

- All participants must be in grades **9 –12**. The contest is open to students in Madison County, including students in public and private schools, as well as those home-schooled.
- **Submissions must be original works of the contestants.**
- The preferred submission will be typed and on 8.5 by 11 white single-sided paper. Handwritten submissions will also be accepted, although handwriting must be neat and legible. Pages must be stapled in the upper left-hand corner. **Please number all pages.**
- **The author's name, address, phone number and/or email address, grade, school, and the title of the story must appear on a separate cover page.** The title of the story should appear on each page of the manuscript, but the author's name should not. **Please submit your entry on or before July 31, 2004.** You may mail the submission to the Jackson-Madison County Library, 433 E. Lafayette, Jackson, TN 38301, or bring it to the circulation desk of the library.
- Entries will not be returned, so please be sure to **keep a copy**.
- Winners will be notified by phone or email by August 20. Cash prizes will be awarded on August 26, 6:00, in the Library Program Center. After the awards are presented, Tennessee author William Gay will give a reading and discuss the writing of short stories.
- Electronic copies of the winning entries will be requested.

Prizes

Cash awards in the amount of \$250 for 1st prize, \$150 for 2nd prize, and \$100 for 3rd prize will be given. Winners will also receive a copy of William Gay's collection of short stories, *I Hate to See That Evening Sun Go Down*, which Mr. Gay will sign on the evening of the program. In addition, the winning entries will be published on the library's web page.

QUESTIONS? CALL THE LIBRARY AT
425-8600.