Wethersfield Library

# SEPTEMBER 11TH WRITING CONTEST

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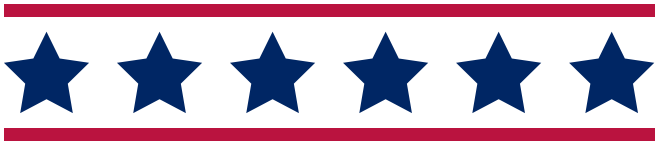

Theme: "Fred Rogers once said, "When I was a boy and I would see scary things in the news, my mother would say to me, 'Look for the helpers. You will always find people who are helping.'" What lessons can young people learn from the firefighters, police officers, medical workers, and volunteers who helped others on September 11th, 2001, or from their family members who lived through these events?

Eligibility: Contest is open to children entering grades 4 through 6 who live and/or attend school in Wethersfield. Only one entry per child.

Format: Submissions must be an original, non-AI-generated essay; should be typed, maximum of one page, and double-spaced in 12 point font.

To Enter: Each participant and their parent/guardian must complete and sign the official entry form below, and attach to submission. Return entry form and submission to the Wethersfield Library or email to library@wethersfieldlibrary.org by Thursday, August 20th.
Winner will be notified by Tuesday, September 1st.

Parent/guardian agrees to: The child's name, grade, school, and photo being publicized in a variety of media formats (including online and print), prerecording their entry, and being available to attend the remembrance event. Winner may also be invited to read entry at a Town Council meeting and Board of Education meeting.

The winner will be recognized and will be invited to read their essay at the 25th remembrance event on the Broad Street Green on Friday, September 11th, 2026 at 6 PM.

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Entry Form

Please attach to your submission

Student Name:_____
(please print, first & last)

School & Grade: _____ Parent Phone Number: _____

Address:_____

Parent/Guardian Name:_____
(please print, first & last)

Parent/Guardian Signature:_____

(I agree that my child has submitted an original , non-AI-generated entry. In addition, I agree to having my child's name, grade, school, and photo being publicized in a variety of media formats including online and print).