

Mary Inc. presents the

2025 Mary Poppins Literary Competition



The annual **Mary Poppins Literary Competition** celebrates P.L.Travers, the creator of the world's most famous nanny.

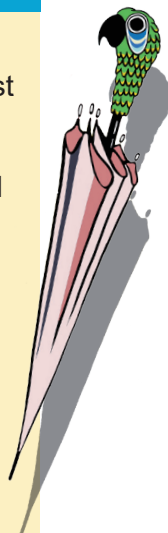
Born in what is now Maryborough's Story Bank, Pamela Travers' magical tales have enchanted and fascinated readers for generations.

Creative minds are invited to submit fantasy stories or poems based around the theme of '**An Unexpected Adventure**'. Your imagination can take you back in time, stay in the present, or take readers into the future. Interpret the theme however you like. **Surprise us with your creativity!**

An Unexpected Adventure

Competition rules and requirements:

- The competition is open to students living and/or attending school on the Fraser Coast
- One entry per person per category
- Story or poem must be the author's original work
- Entries must reflect the theme
- Short stories should be well-structured
- Entries should be checked and edited for correct grammar, spelling, punctuation and sentence construction
- Follow the word or line limit



1. Your final copy should be well organised and presented in an orderly manner. Entries should include a title, paragraphs – space between or indented first line – and be neatly handwritten or typed.
2. **To enter**, scan the QR code on this form **OR** submit your entry at a Fraser Coast Library (check the list on this form).
3. Please **do not** write your name on your literary work. The deadline for entry is **Friday August 29, 2025**.
4. **Everyone who enters the competition is invited to attend the announcement of winners.** This will take place during the Mary Poppins Festival at Gataker's Artspace on Sunday September 28, 2025. Winners will be contacted by email or phone, please ensure you provide both on your entry form.
5. *All prizes will be awarded at the discretion of the judges and their decision is final.*

Prize List

All winners will receive a cash prize and certificate.

Student Year Groupings	Award	LITERARY PRIZE	POETRY PRIZE
Grades 3-4	1st	\$100	\$25
	2nd	\$75	\$20
	3rd	\$50	\$15
Grades 5-6	1st	\$150	\$30
	2nd	\$100	\$25
	3rd	\$75	\$20
Grades 7-9	1st	\$200	\$35
	2nd	\$150	\$30
	3rd	\$100	\$25
Grades 10-12	1st	\$250	\$40
	2nd	\$200	\$35
	3rd	\$150	\$30

COMPETITION RULES & REQUIREMENTS

GRADES	STORY	POEM
3-4	Up to 250 words	12 lines (approx)
5-6	Up to 500 words	16 lines (approx)
7-9	Up to 750 words	20 lines (approx)
10-12	Up to 1000 words	30 lines (approx)

Mary Inc. acknowledges the support and sponsorship of the Fraser Coast Regional Council and the Cherry Tree Foundation, London.

Entry Form



NAME

ADDRESS

PHONE (HOME OR MOBILE)

EMAIL

SCHOOL ATTENDED

AGE GRADE

Scan QR Code
To Enter

PLEASE COMPLETE DETAILS OF YOUR ENTRY:

Title of Story

Title of Poem

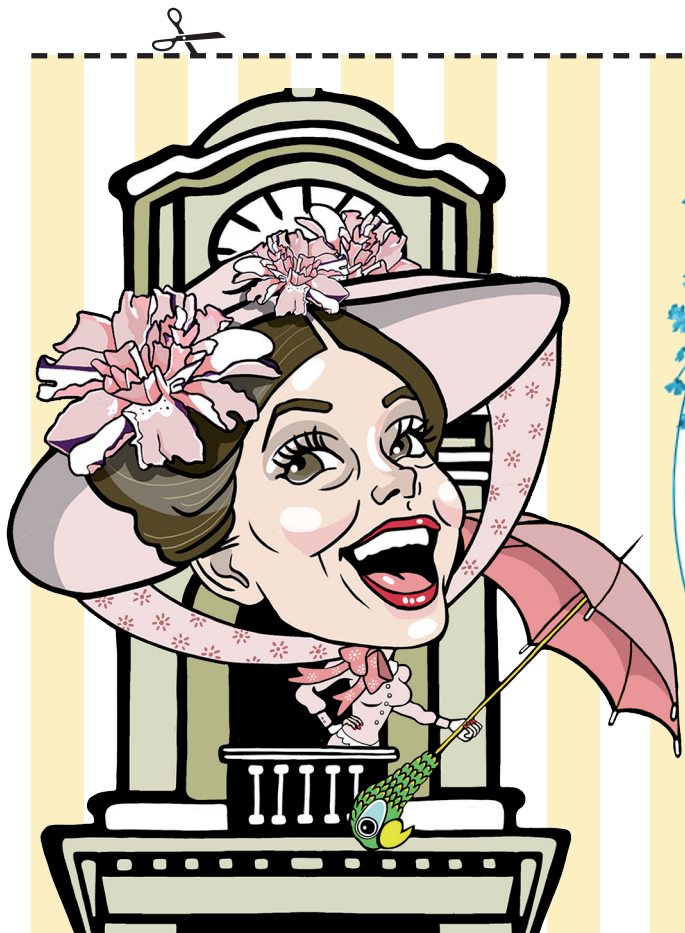
Please read and sign:

I understand and **AGREE / DO NOT AGREE** that my competition entry (story and/or poem) may be published following the competition by the Fraser Coast Library or the Story Bank Museum on their webpage or elsewhere.

Signed student or guardian

Date

Submit entries online using QR Code, or drop in to a local Library, or post to Mary Inc. c/- PO Box 317, Maryborough, Q, 4650



Entries

Entries that are not submitted online may be dropped off at one of the following Fraser Coast Libraries:

Burrum Heads Library 22 Burrum Heads Road, Burrum Heads	Maryborough Library 127-129 Bazaar Street, Maryborough
Hervey Bay Library 161 Old Maryborough Road, Pialba	Tiaro Library Lot 1 Forgan Terrace, Tiaro
Howard Library 56 Steley Street, Howard	

Or posted to:
Mary Inc. "2025 Literary & Poetry Competition",
PO Box 317, Maryborough, 4650
by Friday August 29, 2025.