2021 Lockwood-Mathews Mansion Museum’s Young Writers’ Competition

A Scientist Visits the Mansion

Grades 6 – 8 Background Information & Requirements

Background Information

Write a story of a fictional event taking place at the Lockwood-Mathews Mansion between 1868 and 1938. The cast of characters must include a doctor or scientist who became famous or infamous during the mid-to-late 19th century and members of the Lockwood or Mathews families. To learn about the families’ history, read biographies of the doctors and scientists, and explore the rooms in the Mansion where the event described could have taken place, use the Museum’s website as a reference. Create a short story that will include at least one doctor or scientist weaved into this narrative. You may introduce fictional friends visiting the Mansion as well. **Short stories submitted cannot be of a violent nature.**

Choose from the following 19th century doctors and scientists (biographies can be found on the Museum’s website: [www.lockwoodmathewsmansion.com/event/young-writers-competition/](http://www.lockwoodmathewsmansion.com/event/young-writers-competition/)):

- Elizabeth Blackwell
- George Washington Carver
- Rebecca Lee Crumpler
- Marie Curie
- Carlos J. Finlay
- Alexander Fleming
- Sigmund Freud
- Percy Lavon Julian
- Robert Koch
- Matilde Montoya
- Louis Pasteur
- Susan Smith McKinney Steward

Requirements

- No more than 5 typed pages, double-spaced and 12-point font.
- Submissions due by **Fri., Jun. 4, 2021.**
- **To submit stories:**
  - For Educators: request a pick up from a LMMM representative: (203)838-9799 ext. 6
  - Email: education@lockwoodmathewsmansion.com
  - Mail to: LMMM Education Program, YWC 2021
    295 West Avenue
    Norwalk, CT 06850

Awards and Prizes

- Competition winners will be awarded cash and other prizes.
- The Awards Ceremony for winners and their families will be held on **Sun., Nov. 21, 2021, 2-4 p.m.**

Questions?

Contact the Education Program Director Iliana Begetis or Education Coordinator Charles Hill

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