



The theme is 'The Map'

Shetland Library invites entries for Shetland Library Young Writer 2026, for

- An original poem, written either in English or Shaetlan.
- **Wordcount change for 2026:** An original short story (maximum **700** words), written either in English or Shaetlan.

There will be three winning categories, according to your age on 29 May 2026:

- Age 7 - 9 years
- Age 10 - 12 years
- Age 13 - 18 years

An additional prize for the best piece of writing in Shaetlan language will also be awarded. Prizes will be £50 and a winner's certificate

- You must only submit work not previously published or entered in any other competition.
- Please take a copy before submitting, as entries will not be returned.
- Please make sure your entry is typed or very clearly written.
- Although the theme is 'The Map', it would be to your advantage to select an alternative title for your work.
- Shetland Library reserves the right to use the winning entries, for publication or otherwise, at any time.
- Entrants must be Shetland residents.

Submit your entry to the address below, to arrive no later than Friday 29 May 2026.

Include the following details (on a separate sheet from your piece of writing):

1. **Your name and address**
2. **Date of birth / Age on 29.05.26**
3. **Your telephone number**
4. **Your email address**
5. **Your school**
6. **The title of your work**



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