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Ann Westlake

Local editor starts writing contest

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Ladner's Ann Westlake has launched her Editor's Picks 2010 Writing Contest.

She's looking for submissions of manuscripts of just about anything except short stories and poetry.

"I really want to challenge people who think

they have something good to make it even better," says Westlake, who runs her own home-based book editing business.

The prize is up to \$500 in free editing and 100 copies published with First Choice Books.

Those who enter and don't win still have to pay for Westlake's editing services.

She says there'll be a judging panel of herself and at least two other people.

"First of all it has to have a really good story; something different and unique," she says, talking about what she's looking for in an entry.

She says having "twists and turns" can help.

The deadline is Dec. 31.

Westlake intends on making the contest an annual event.

She says she plans to add more elements to the contest in the future but wouldn't say what those could be.

Since starting her business in 1992, Westlake has edited novels, children's books, biographies, personal memoirs, science

fiction and more.

She majored in English and minored in history while studying at the University of Toronto and tutors at the Kwantlen Polytechnic University's Richmond campus.

For the contest's complete list of rules or for more information, visit writerscrampeditingconsultants.com.