



Pequannock Public Library First Annual Poetry Contest

In honor of National Poetry Month (April) and National Library Week (April 7 through 13) the Pequannock Township Public Library is hosting its First Annual Poetry Contest.

About: *During the month of April, the Pequannock Township Public Library invites aspiring poets to celebrate with us! Poetry is a creative way to express yourself, and where better to express yourself than at the library?*

- Qualified poems will be judged on originality and structure.
- Any style of poetry is welcome--free verse, haiku, rhyme, etc.
- Poems must be suitable for a general audience, e.g. no profanity, vulgarity, etc.
- Entry forms are available at the Pequannock Township Public Library
- Qualified poems will be judged separately in the following age groups: Adult, Grades 9-12, Grades 6-8, Grades 3-5, Grade 2 and under.
- Submissions accepted from April 1 - April 26
- Winners and honorable mentions will be chosen from each age group, and each winners will receive a Barnes & Noble gift card.
- All winners will be invited to have their picture & poem posted on the Library's social media.
- Winners and honorable mentions in each age group will be invited to read their poems at the Open Mic Night (4/30), which the public is also invited to attend.

Rules

- Poems must be original words submitted by the writer, and only one (1) entry per person.
- Poem must be typed or computer generated on 8 ½ x 11 inch white paper in Arial or Times New Roman font. No graphics or color ink. Each poem must be titled and no longer than 25 lines. Do not put the contestant's name on the poem.
- Each poem will be assigned a number for anonymous judging.
- All entries must be received by 4/26
 - No entries will be accepted late, and no entries will be returned.
- Scanned copies of your original work and a copy of the signed entry form can be emailed to peqref@gmail.com. Submissions may also be dropped off at the Pequannock Township Public Library during regular library hours.
- All entries *must include a signed copy* of the Entry Form.
- All decisions of the judging committee are final.
- The Pequannock Township Public Library reserves the right to print, reuse, in whole or in part, any entry in the contest.