

# POETRY CONTEST

## Guidelines and Submissions

Poets are encouraged to submit original poems from April 1–30. Poems will be judged in the following age groups:

- ♦ Children age 6–8
- ♦ Children age 9–11
- ♦ Teens age 12–14
- ♦ Teens age 15–18
- ♦ Adults

### Guidelines

1. Poems must be your original work.
2. Only one entry per person.
3. The poem length should not exceed two (2) pages.
4. The poem should be authored by a single person.
5. Poems should be written with a general audience in mind.
6. Poems will not be returned to the entrant after the contest.
7. Poems without entry forms will not be considered for prizes.
8. Poets are not required to live in Dakota County.
9. Poets do not have to have a library card at the Dakota County Library.
10. Do not put your name on the page which contains the poem.
11. Staff and immediate family members of Dakota County Library staff are not eligible to apply.
12. Poems should be submitted in English, or be submitted along with English translation.

**Entries may be emailed to *Holly.Carlson@co.dakota.mn.us*, or dropped off or mailed to any Dakota County Library or South St. Paul Library location by 11:59 pm on Monday, April 30, 2018.**

Winning poets will be announced in May, and their poems will be published on the Dakota County Library website.

The top three poems in each age category will be awarded prizes. Winning poets must pick up their prizes at their local Dakota County Library within 30 days of notification.

The Poetry Contest is supported by the Dakota County Library Foundation.

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For more information, email  
[Holly.Carlson@co.dakota.mn.us](mailto:Holly.Carlson@co.dakota.mn.us) or  
call 651-450-2918.



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## 2018 Entry Form

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Name

Address

City, State, Zip

Phone Number

Email (optional)

Poem Title

Age Group

- ☐ Children 6–8    ☐ Teens 12–14    ☐ Adults  
☐ Children 9–11    ☐ Teens 15–18

**Preferred Dakota  
County Library location**

*If selected as a contest winner, your  
prize will be sent to this library.*

- ☐ Burnhaven    ☐ Inver Glen    ☐ South St. Paul  
☐ Farmington    ☐ Pleasant Hill    ☐ Wentworth  
☐ Heritage    ☐ Robert Trail    ☐ Wescott

*I certify that the poem is my original work, or the original work of my child(ren). I release this poem for publication in print and on the Library web page. I understand that Dakota County does not control third-party use of the poem after it is published. I understand that allowing Dakota County to publish my poem is completely voluntary and that I am under no obligation to provide this consent. I understand I will not be paid for the publication. I understand that I am authorizing the release of information that may be classified as private data under the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act, Minn. Stat. ch. 13, which could not be shared without my consent. By signing below, I release Dakota County and its officers, employees, and agents from any liability from the publication or distribution of the poem.*

Poet Signature

Parent or Guardian *Required if poet is under age 18.*

Printed Name

Signature

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