



2017 TEEN POETRY CONTEST

Fantastic POEMS

Teens, grades 6-12, help us celebrate National Poetry Month with a Teen Poetry Contest. All entries must be submitted to the Springfield Public Library before 6:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 15, 2017. Winners will be announced at the Pizza & Poetry event on Tuesday, April 25th. All participants are invited to read their poems at the event.

RULES:

1. This contest is open to students currently in grades 6 to 12.
2. Each person may submit only one poem.
3. Poems must have no more than 40 lines.
4. Entries must be an unpublished, original poem, and may not have been submitted to any previous contest.
5. Entries must have been created from May 2016-April 2017.
6. The text of all poems must be submitted in print. The text must be typed, single-sided, double-spaced on plain 8.5" x 11" paper. Good spelling and grammar are not required, but they will help!
7. Poems will not be returned. Please keep a copy of your work.
8. An official entry form must be submitted with each entry.
9. You may also submit a digital version of your poem by emailing it to lgustavson@springfield-or.gov and put yourlastname_poem in the subject line.
10. The library reserves the right to reject any entry it deems inappropriate.

DEADLINE:

Your entry form and poem must be received by mail, email or hand delivered to the Springfield Public Library before 6:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 15, 2017.

WINNERS:

Winning poems will be displayed in the library and on the library's website at <http://wheremindsgrow.org/teens.html>

PRIZES:

A first prize and two honorable mentions will be awarded for entries in two age categories: grades 6-8 and grades 9-12.

First prize: \$25.00 gift certificate

Honorable mention: literary gift basket

Age categories and the number of prizes awarded may change depending on the number of entries submitted.

Official Entry Form

Name: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

School: _____ Teacher (if applicable): _____ Grade: _____

Title of Poem: _____

By entering the 2017 Teen Poetry Contest, I understand that the judges' decisions are final. I understand that by submitting this entry, I give the Springfield Public Library permission to use my name, poem, photography and/or likeness in publicity materials representing and/or associated with the Springfield Public Library and/or library partners. I agree that this poem is my own work, and I have read and followed all contest rules and guidelines.

Signature of participant: _____ Date: _____