

JEFFERSON-MADISON REGIONAL LIBRARY AND WRITERHOUSE PRESENT A

POETRY CONTEST FOR ADULTS



guidelines



WHAT DO I DO?

- Submit **ONE** poem to any branch of the Jefferson-Madison Regional Library or to WriterHouse between March 1 and March 31, 2018. See back for designated submission locations.
- Poem must be the contestant's original work.
- **Your poem must be THIRTY (30) lines or less.** Poems longer than this will not be considered.
- Contestants may express any theme or use any poetic form in their entry.
- **TYPE** your entry on unlined, white paper.
- Only include your title and poem on the front of your entry (**no names please**). Attach the form below with your name and contact information to the **BACK** of your entry.
- **Saturday, March 31, 2018** is the deadline for submission. Entries submitted after this date will not be considered.
- This contest is open to **ages 18 and older**. If you will turn 18 by March 31, 2018, you are eligible.
- Entrants must reside in Central Virginia. Employees of JMRL and WriterHouse are not eligible for the competition.
- By entering the contest, contestants give permission to the sponsoring organizations to read, display, or otherwise publicize the content of their contest submissions.

HOW WILL THE WINNERS BE CHOSEN?

- A panel of judges will review the entries. Finalists will be judged by former Poet Laureate of Virginia, Ron Smith, who will choose the winning entry and runner-up. Judges' decisions are final.

WHAT HAPPENS IF I WIN?

- The winner will receive a \$200 Visa gift card, and the runner-up will receive a \$100 Visa gift card compliments of the JMRL Friends of the Library and WriterHouse.
- The winners of this contest will be announced at Central Library's Poetry on the Steps as part of JMRL's Poem in Your Pocket Day celebration on Thursday, April 26th at 7pm. Winners will be honored and presented with their prizes at this time. All contestants are encouraged to attend and read their poems aloud at this open-mic celebration.

Questions? Contact Hayley Tompkins at 434.823.4050 or Sibley Johns at 434.296.1922.

**PLEASE FILL OUT THIS FORM AND TAPE IT TO THE BACK OF YOUR ENTRY.
RETURN TO ANY JMRL LOCATION OR TO WRITERHOUSE BY MARCH 31, 2018.**

Name _____

Address _____ Apt _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone # _____ Email (optional) _____

Title of Entry: _____

I have read and agree to the rules and terms of this contest:

Signature _____ Date _____

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submission locations

JMRL LOCATIONS

CENTRAL LIBRARY
Reference Department
201 E. Market St.
Charlottesville, VA 22902
(434) 979-7151 x4

CROZET LIBRARY
2020 Library Ave.
Crozet, VA 22932
(434) 823-4050

GORDON AVENUE LIBRARY
1500 Gordon Ave.
Charlottesville, VA 22903
(434) 296-5544

GREENE COUNTY LIBRARY
222 Main St. Suite 101
Stanardsville, VA 22973
(434) 985-5227

LOUISA COUNTY LIBRARY
881 Davis Highway
Mineral, VA 23117
(540) 894-5853

NELSON MEMORIAL LIBRARY
8521 Thomas Nelson Highway
Lovingsston, VA 22949
(434) 263-5904

NORTHSIDE LIBRARY
705 West Rio Rd.
Charlottesville, VA 22901
(434) 973-7893

SCOTTSVILLE LIBRARY
330 Bird St.
Scottsville, VA 24590
(434) 286-3541

BOOKMOBILE
705 West Rio Rd.
Charlottesville, VA 22901
(434) 973-7893 x2

WRITERHOUSE

508 Dale Avenue
Charlottesville, VA 22902
(434) 296-1922



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