

JEFFERSON-MADISON REGIONAL LIBRARY AND WRITERHOUSE PRESENT A

# POETRY CONTEST FOR ADULTS

2022 Theme - Transformative Change



## guidelines



### WHAT DO I DO?

- Submit **ONE** poem to any branch of the Jefferson-Madison Regional Library (JMRL) or via JMRL's online form between **September 24 and October 25**. See back for designated submission locations.
- Poem must be the contestant's original, unpublished work. Previous winners of this contest are not eligible.
- **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, this year's theme is
- **TYPE** your entry on unlined, white paper.
- Only include your title and poem on the front of your entry (**no names please**). Detach the form below with your name and contact information and tape it to the **BACK** of your entry.
- **Tuesday, October 25, 2022** 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 October 25, 2022,, 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 Professor Lisa Russ Spaar 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 contacted directly and a public announcement will be posted online at [jmrl-blog.com](http://jmrl-blog.com). Winners will receive their prizes by mail. Stay tuned for more information about a possible poetry reading event.

**Questions?** Contact EJ Dowling 434.979.7151 ext. 4 or Sibley Johns at 434.296.1922.

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**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, 2021.**

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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how to submit your entry:

## SUBMIT ENTRIES ONLINE AT:

<https://jmrl.org/poetry-contest.php>

## DROP OFF ENTRIES AT:

**CENTRAL LIBRARY** 201 E. Market St. Charlottesville, VA 22902  
**CROZET LIBRARY** 2020 Library Ave. Crozet, VA 22932  
**GORDON AVENUE LIBRARY** 1500 Gordon Avenue Charlottesville, VA 22903  
**GREENE COUNTY LIBRARY** 222 Main St. Suite 101 Stanardsville, VA 22973  
**LOUISA COUNTY LIBRARY** 881 Davis Highway Mineral, VA 23117  
**NELSON MEMORIAL LIBRARY** 8521 Thomas Nelson Highway Lovingson, VA 22949  
**NORTHSIDE LIBRARY** 705 West Rio Rd. Charlottesville, VA 22901  
**SCOTTSVILLE LIBRARY** 330 Bird St. Scottsville, VA 24590



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ATTACH FORM TO BACK OF ENTRY