

Poetry Contest

Guidelines & Entry Form



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Poets are encouraged to submit original poems from April 1-30 to participate in Dakota County Library's annual Poetry Contest. 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 ages 19 and older

Guidelines

1. Poems must be your original work.
2. Only one (1) entry per person.
3. The poem should be authored by a single person.
4. The poem length should not exceed two (2) pages.
5. Poems should be written with a general audience in mind.
6. Poems without completed entry forms will not be considered for prizes.
7. Please do not put your name on the page containing the poem or in the poem itself.
8. Minors must have their parent/legal guardian approve the entry form to be considered for prizes.
9. Poets must have a Minnesota address to be considered for prizes.
10. Dakota County Library staff and their immediate family members are not eligible.

How to Enter

In person: Bring your poem and this entry form to any Dakota County Library.

Email: Send your poem and this entry form to LibraryPrograms@co.dakota.mn.us. All entries due by **Tuesday, April 30, 2024**.

Winning poets will be announced in May and their poems will be published on Dakota County Library's website and social media channels. The top three poems in each age category will be awarded prizes. Prizes will be mailed to each winner using the address listed on the entry form. For more information, email LibraryPrograms@co.dakota.mn.us or call your local library.

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2024 Entry Form

Entry Form

Full Name: _____

Preferred Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

Poem Title: _____

Poet Age: 6–8 ___ 9–11 ___ 12–14 ___ 15–18___ 19 and older ___

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 video on Dakota County Library's website and social media channels. 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.

I agree to the above terms ___ Poet's initials _____ Parent/guardian initials (if poet is under 18) _____

Submit this form along with your poem in person to any Dakota County Library location, or by email to LibraryPrograms@co.dakota.mn.us by **Tuesday, April 30, 2024**.

If you have questions or need assistance, please email LibraryPrograms@co.dakota.mn.us or call your local Library.