

9th Annual Poetry Contest

To enter, submit a typed copy of your original poem (50 lines or less) by April 15, 2018.

Professional judges will select the best entry in each age group. Winners will receive a certificate and a cash prize.

NAME

Last _____ First _____ M.I. _____

I am a Palatine Public Library District cardholder

Library Card # _____

I am NOT a District cardholder

Address _____

Phone # _____ Email _____

Title of Poem _____

Line count _____

Choose your age group:

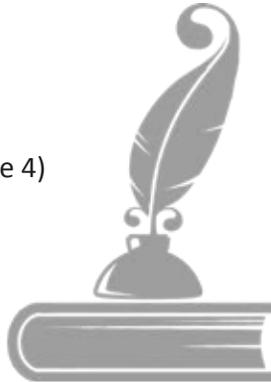
Youth Lower Elementary (preschool through grade 4)

Youth Upper Elementary (grades 5-6)

Teen (grades 7-12)

Adult (ages 18+)

If under 18, Age _____ Grade _____ School _____



Thank you for participating!

PARTICIPATION GUIDELINES

- No entry fee.
- Poets of all ages may submit **one typed, unpublished poem** (50 lines or less).
- Work is judged “blind;” omit personal info (i.e. your name) from your entry. Include an Entry Form.
- Palatine Public Library District **residents** compete for the Nancy J. Heggem Poetry Awards; **nonresidents** compete for the Library’s Write-On Awards.
- Current Palatine Library staff, board members, and trustees are not eligible for prizes.
- Professional judges select the winners. All winners receive a **certificate, and publication of their poem** on the Library’s website. Nancy Heggem Award winners also receive a **cash prize**; Write-On Award winners receive a **gift card**.
- The Library cannot return entries.

DISPLAY GUIDELINES

- Poems will be displayed in the Main Library as space permits.

HOW TO SUBMIT

- **Online:** Submit your entry at www.palatinelibrary.org/poetry
- **In Person:** Submit your entry at the second-floor Reference Desk or any Branch. Include a completed Entry Form with your submission.
- **By Post:** Mail your poem and Entry Form to: Poetry Contest, c/o Information Services Department, Palatine Public Library District, 700 N. North Court, Palatine, IL 60067. **Postmark deadline: April 15.** *Postal entries must be received by April 22, to be eligible for judging.*

CELEBRATE WITH US

- Winners announced at a ceremony and open mic at **2:30 p.m., on Sunday, May 6.** All attendees will be entered into a drawing for door prizes. **Sign up.**

