

2015 Teen Poetry Contest

Rules:

- Contest is open to all teens between the ages of 13 and 19.
- Only one entry per person may be submitted.
- The entry must be an original, unpublished poem that has not been submitted to any previous contest.
- Poems will not be returned, so please keep a copy of your work.
- Concrete (shaped) poetry will not be accepted, but all other forms are welcomed.
- Poems must be typed and should not be longer than one page in length. Please submit three (3) copies of your poem. Do not put your name or any personal information on your poem, as poetry will be judged anonymously. Staple the entry form to your poetry. Poetry cannot be judged without a fully completed entry form.
- No illustrations or photographs should be included with entry.
- To submit your entry:
 - a. Deliver your entry form and three (3) copies of your poem in person to any Riverside Public Library branch *or* mail to Riverside Public Library, attn. Diana, 3581 Mission Inn Ave., Riverside, CA 92501. If mailing, please take into account delivery times, as entries must be received by the deadline and postmark date will not be considered.
 - b. You must also email your poem as a Word Document attachment to dthomsen@riversideca.gov. Please list your name and the name of your poem in the body of the email.
- **All entries must be received no later than 7PM on Wednesday, April 15th. NO EXCEPTIONS!**
- Winners will be selected by April 22nd and the decision of the judges is final.
- The library reserves the right to reject any entry it deems inappropriate or offensive.
- Winners will be recognized at our Open Mic Event on Wednesday, April 29th at 4PM at the Main Library. All participants are encouraged to attend the Open Mic Event and read their poetry aloud.
- Prizes will be awarded to winning entries.

Entry Form

Staple this completed form to the front of your entry. Remember that your entry must include three (3) printed copies of your poem. To allow for anonymous judging, your name or personal information should not be on your poem. You must also submit your entry via email attachment.

Name: _____ Age: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____

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

Title of Poem: _____

By entering the Teen Poetry Contest, I agree to abide by the decision of the judges. I understand that by submitting this entry, I give the Riverside Public Library and the Inlandia Institute permission to use my name and poem in publicity materials representing and/or associated with the Riverside Public Library or the Inlandia Institute. I agree that the poem is my own work and I have read and followed all contest rules and guidelines.

Signature of Participant: _____ Date: _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____ Date: _____

Deadline for entries is April 15, 2015!

