

## **A Celebration of National Poetry Month**

A POETRY CONTEST for High School and Middle School aged youth sponsored by the Johnson County Library

**Begins:** February 15, 2023

**Ends:** March 20, 2023

### **CONTEST GUIDELINES:**

**Deadline:** Postmark or Library Stamped: March 31

**Eligibility:** Any Johnson County teen-aged student—middle school to high school aged. Home schooled students as well as public school students are welcome to participate.

**Two Divisions: Middle School,** grades 6-8

**High School,** grades 9-12

**Fees:** NONE

### **GENERAL RULES** for Entry:

1. Any subject.

**2. Limited to 3 poems per entrant.**

3. Limited to 40 lines per poem, no poem longer than one page.

4. Prizes for first, second, and third places of individual poems in both divisions; honorable mentions for three poems in both divisions.

### **SUBMISSION RULES:**

1. One typed (preferred) hard copy of each poem with the title at the top of the page. Title may appear in the header, not considered a line of the poem. Standard 12-point font (New Times Roman, Arial, Courier). No color or illustration.

2. Each entry must be accompanied by a cover sheet. Cover Sheet must include the name of the participant, address, phone number and an email, the *Titles* of each poem and *Type* of Poems (either FREE VERSE or FORM POETRY) per entry. Also sign with a *legible signature* of agreement to allow a winning entry to be included in the Johnson County library's newsletter.

(**FREE VERSE** is distinguished from **FORM POETRY**. Form Poetry includes types like "Sonnet," "Terza Rima," "Haiku," "Rhymed Verse," "Ballad." This is not an all-inclusive list. For further clarification, you might like to look at:

<https://www.masterclass.com/articles/poetry-101-what-is-poetic-form-learn-about-15-different-types-of-poems>)

3. Each poem must have a title at the top of the poem

4. Poet's name must NOT appear on the poems submitted.

(The cover sheet should have the poet's name and the title for identification.)

5. DEADLINE: Only poems that meet the **March 20, 2023 deadline** will be considered.

Drop-offs at the library by that date must be to a librarian who will date the entry by hand.

Electronic copies may be submitted to [director@johnsoncountylibraries.org](mailto:director@johnsoncountylibraries.org)

6. No poems will be returned so be sure to keep a copy of your own and the names of the entries.

\* Entries must conform to these guidelines. or they will be disallowed for winning. \*

7. Winners will be contacted by the Johnson County Library Director by April 17. Winners will be asked to share their poems publicly in print at the library. Poems will appear in the Johnson County Library's Newsletter with the poet's permission. (Please note your permission on the cover sheet of entry.

**Submit Entries to:**

Johnson County Library, c/o Director, 171 N. Adams, Buffalo, WY 82834.

Electronic submissions to [director@johnsoncountylibraries.org](mailto:director@johnsoncountylibraries.org) with the subject **Library Poetry Contest 2023**.

Questions regarding this contest may be directed to Lindsey Belliveau at 307-684-5546, Mrs. Wages at Buffalo High School at [kwages@jcsd1.us](mailto:kwages@jcsd1.us), Mr. Glassock at Clear Creek Middle School at [rglassock@jcsd1.us](mailto:rglassock@jcsd1.us), or Mr. Hetland at New West High School [thetland@jcsd1.us](mailto:thetland@jcsd1.us).

This contest will be judged by 2 judges. Decisions are theirs entirely and may not be disputed by entrants.

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