



**Grades 6-12 Youth:**

April is National Poetry Month, and to celebrate Licking County Library is sponsoring a poetry contest for students in grades 6 through 12. We would like to invite you to participate in the contest. Students may submit poems through their teachers, youth workers, or directly to the Library. Judges will be selected from among language arts professionals and librarians in the community.

First Place= \$50 gift card, Second Place= \$20 gift card, & Third Place= \$10 gift card will be awarded for each of the two categories: grades 6-8, and grades 9-12.

Entries will be accepted from March 1 through March 21, and prize winners will be notified by April 10. First, second and third place will be awarded for each of two categories: sixth, seventh, & eighth grades, and ninth, tenth, eleventh & twelfth grades. All entries will be displayed in the Teen Zone of the Main Library after the judging. Prize winners will be recognized and have a chance to read their work at our Poetry Contest Celebration on April 19 at 6:30 pm in the Main Library's Meeting Room A.

Guidelines:

Entries must be neatly printed by hand or computer on one sheet of 8.5 by 11 inch paper.

Paperclip or sticky note the student's full name and contact information to the entry. First name only on the front of the entry; please do not write on the back, because they will be displayed on a glass wall.

The poems may be on any topic, but the Library has the right to refuse an entry that is in bad taste or too mature for the intended audience.

Entries become the property of the Library and will not be returned.

Call the Teen Services Department at 740.349.5552 for more information.

Sincerely,  
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