

JEFFERSON-MADISON REGIONAL LIBRARY AND WRITERHOUSE PRESENT A

POETRY CONTEST FOR ADULTS

A part of the #TheWrite2Heal Series



guidelines



WHAT DO I DO?

- Submit **ONE** poem **by mail to WriterHouse** between March 1 and **April 30, 2020**. See back for designated submission information.
- Poem must be the contestant's original, unpublished work. Previous winners of this contest are not eligible.
- **Your poem must be THIRTY (30) lines or less.** Poems longer than this will not be considered.
- Contestants may express any theme or use any poetic form in their entry.
- **TYPE** your entry on unlined, white paper.
- Only include your title and poem on the front of your entry (**no names please**). Detach the form below with your name and contact information and tape it to the **BACK** of your entry.
- **Thursday, April 30, 2020 is the (updated) deadline for submission.** Entries submitted after this date will not be considered.
- This contest is open to **ages 18 and older**. If you will turn 18 by **April 30, 2020**, you are eligible.
- Entrants must reside in Central Virginia. Employees of JMRL and WriterHouse are not eligible for the competition.
- By entering the contest, contestants give permission to the sponsoring organizations to read, display, or otherwise publicize the content of their contest submissions.

HOW WILL THE WINNERS BE CHOSEN?

- A panel of judges will review the entries. Finalists will be judged by Poet Laureate of Virginia, Henry Hart, who will choose the winning entry and runner-up. Judges' decisions are final.

WHAT HAPPENS IF I WIN?

- The winner will receive a \$200 Visa gift card, and the runner-up will receive a \$100 Visa gift card compliments of the JMRL Friends of the Library and WriterHouse.
- **The winners of this contest will be contacted directly and a public announcement will be posted online at jmrlblog.com. Prizes will be mailed their rewards.**

Questions? Contact Hayley Tompkins at 434.823.4050 or Sibley Johns at 434.296.1922.

**PLEASE FILL OUT THIS FORM AND TAPE IT TO THE BACK OF YOUR ENTRY.
RETURN TO ANY JMRL LOCATION OR TO WRITERHOUSE BY **APRIL 30, 2020**.**

Name _____

Address _____ Apt _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone # _____ Email (optional) _____

Title of Entry: _____

I have read and agree to the rules and terms of this contest:

Signature _____ Date _____

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how to submit your entry:

SUBMIT ENTRIES BY MAIL TO:

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508 Dale Avenue
Charlottesville, VA 22902
(434) 296-1922



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