

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 to any branch of the Jefferson-Madison Regional Library (JMRL), to WriterHouse, or via JMRL's online form between March 1 and March 31, 2021. See back for designated submission locations.
- Poem must be the contestant's original, unpublished work.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.
- **Wednesday, March 31, 2021** is the 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 March 31, 2021, 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, Luisa Igloria**, 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. Winners will receive their prizes by mail. Stay tuned for more information about a possible virtual event.

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 MARCH 31, 2021.**

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 ONLINE AT:

<https://jmrl.org/poetry-contest.php>

SUBMIT ENTRIES BY MAIL TO:

WRITERHOUSE

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

DROP OFF ENTRIES AT:

CENTRAL LIBRARY 201 E. Market St. Charlottesville, VA 22902
CROZET LIBRARY 2020 Library Ave. Crozet, VA 22932
GORDON AVENUE LIBRARY 1500 Gordon Avenue Charlottesville, VA 22903
GREENE COUNTY LIBRARY 222 Main St. Suite 101 Stanardsville, VA 22973
LOUISA COUNTY LIBRARY 881 Davis Highway Mineral, VA 23117
NELSON MEMORIAL LIBRARY 8521 Thomas Nelson Highway Lovingston, VA 22949
NORTHSIDE LIBRARY 705 West Rio Rd. Charlottesville, VA 22901
SCOTTSVILLE LIBRARY 330 Bird St. Scottsville, VA 24590



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