

Jemez Springs Public Library & Jemez Pueblo Community Library

Invitation to K-8 Students to Participate in the Poetry Contest Leading to the Youth Poetry Celebration

in conjunction with Jemez Valley Public Schools, San Diego-Riverside Charter School,
Jemez Day School, and Homeschool Families

This contest provides the opportunity for each local student in grades K-8 to enter one poem via their classroom teacher or independently. Judges will select poems from all schools and grade levels. Winners will be invited to recite/read their poetry to an audience of families, teachers, and community members to honor their creative work.

Guidelines for poetry contest:

- Each student may submit no more than one poem of their own original work.
- Poems must be submitted to either Library (Jemez Springs Public Library or Jemez Pueblo Community Library) by **deadline of 5:00pm on April 19th**
- Poems may be written in any form and submitted with English as the primary language. (Poets are encouraged to recite their work in another language as well at the celebration if desired.)
- Each submission must include the **student's name, grade, and the teacher's name on the back of the page. If available also include phone or email contact information for family to be used for inviting contest winners.**
- Use appropriate language for elementary grades to hear at the celebration.
- Poetry will not be returned to the students so please keep a copy if desired.
Winning poets will receive a copy of their poetry at the celebration.

A panel of judges will be selected by the Librarians, consisting of three persons from the Library communities. Judging will be based on grade level and writing attributes such as: original language, vivid imagery, figurative language (metaphor, simile, personification, and symbolism), allusion, consistent tone.

Approximately 50 poems will be selected. Each student selected will be invited (via their teacher/family as identified on the back of the poem) to read their poem at the **Youth Poetry Celebration on May 4, 4:00-6:00pm at the Jemez Valley Community Center.** Light refreshments will be served after the students present their poetry.

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