

Goodwin Library 8th Annual Poetry Contest

Rules and Procedures

For more info contact the library at:
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Deadline for all entries is by library closing on **Friday, April 9th, 2010**. We are not responsible for any poems received late because of mail or other delays.

Two copies of each poem must be submitted. One copy with **NO** identification and one copy with the author's name, address and phone number on the ***last page, lower right-hand corner, along with which category the poem is to be entered in:***

Children(Ages 6-12),

Teen (Ages 13-18)

Adult (19+).

Entries in the **Childrens & Teen** categories must also have the author's age listed. We recommend that all poems be submitted in an envelope to maintain confidentiality.

All poems must be typed in a plain font style, no smaller than 12 points. If a computer is used, poems must be double-spaced.

Poems can be no longer than 2 pages.

A maximum total of 5 poems may be submitted.

Poems may be entered in the **Children, Teen** or **Adult** category, but not in more than one category.

The attached form declaring that all poems are the author's own work; have not been previously published, and release to publish must accompany *each* poem. (Ask for copies if you need more than one release form.)

Poems will be posted as they are received for the duration of the contest.

Poems will be judged on the following criteria:

Creativity.....30 points
Imagery.....30 points
Comprehension.....20 points
Appeal.....20 points

Winning poems will be announced and read by their authors during our **Poet's Tea and Reception, Wednesday, April 28, 2010 at 6:00 PM**. Winners will have their name (and hopefully) their poem published in the local papers.

Poems can be picked up by May 21, 2010.

The Judging panel and Director of the Goodwin Library may not participate in this contest.