



2010 Poetry Contest Guidelines

in celebration of National Poetry Month
Crystal Lake Public Library

Entry Categories

- Adult Contest (Ages 18+)
- Young Adult Contest (Grades 6-12)

Rules

- Adult participants must live in Crystal Lake or have a CLPL library card; young adult participants must live in Crystal Lake or attend school in Crystal Lake or have a CLPL library card.
- Up to 2 poems per participant may be submitted.
- Poems submitted must be original and not previously published.
- Poems may be written on any topic; all forms of poetry are acceptable.
- Submit 2 typed copies of each poem on separate sheets of 8½" x 11" paper: one copy should include the participant's name, address, telephone number, entry category (Adult or Young Adult), and name of school (for young adult category); the second copy should include only the poem.
- Only one poem per person may be chosen as a winner.
- Staff members of the Crystal Lake Public Library are not eligible to participate.

Deadline

- Submit entries to the Adult Services Desk.
- **SUBMIT ENTRIES NO LATER THAN 5:00 PM, SATURDAY, March 27, 2010.**

Prizes

- 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place prizes will be awarded for each of the two age categories.
- 1st PRIZE is a \$50 bookstore gift certificate.
- 2nd PRIZE is a \$25 bookstore gift certificate.
- 3rd PRIZE is a writing journal and pen.
- All contest winners will receive certificates of recognition for their achievements.
- Winners will be announced on April 13 during the library's Poetry Night at 7:00pm. (Winners will be notified in advance.)
- Winning poems will be posted in a display at the library and on the library's website and copies will be kept in a notebook in the Reference collection.

Poetry Night

- Entrants are encouraged to attend Poetry Night at the library on Tuesday, April 13. At 7:00pm the contest winners will be announced and winning poems read. After a break for refreshments, if there is interest a poetry reading will commence around 8:00pm. Participants are invited to read their own poems, or those of famous poets.

Judging

- All entries will be judged anonymously.