

# Annual Poetry Contest

## Youth Poetry Café

Thu May 7 | 6:30–7:30 pm | Main Library

Students in grades 2–12 are invited to read their work.  
Please register at [StarkLibrary.org](http://StarkLibrary.org)

## Poetry Open Mic Night

Tue May 19 | 6–7:45 pm | North Branch

All adult participants are invited to read their work.

### Contest Rules

- Poems entered must be author’s original work and may not be copied from any book or other source. We reserve the right to disqualify plagiarized poems at any time.
- Students in grades 2–12 may submit one original poem; adults may submit up to three original poems. Each entry submission must have its own entry form.
- Please double check spelling and punctuation before submitting your work. All poems must be no longer than 250 words and printed neatly or typed. Illegible poems and/or entry forms will be disqualified.
- Entries must be submitted by April 15, 2020. Poems may be entered into the contest in the following ways:
  - **Online:** Visit [StarkLibrary.org/PoetryContest](http://StarkLibrary.org/PoetryContest) and follow the instructions listed. We prefer online submissions.
  - **Mail:** Stark Library • 715 Market Ave. N • Canton, OH 44702 • Attn: Youth Services/Poetry Contest
  - **In person:** visit any one of our 10 branches or bookmobiles.
- Submissions will not be returned. Authors retain all copyrights to their work. Winning poems will be posted on the Stark Library website.
- Multiple winners will be chosen in each of the following categories and will receive a prize:
  - (a) Grades 2 & 3   (b) Grades 4 & 5   (c) Grades 6 & 7   (d) Grades 8 & 9   (e) Grades 10–12   (f) Adult
- If you are under the age of 18, be sure your parent(s) or guardian is aware of your entering this contest and is in agreement with all of these rules. Failure to comply with any of the contest rules will result in disqualification.
- Staple the completed entry form below to your poem before submitting it for the contest.



### Stark Library | Annual Poetry Contest Entry Form

First and Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone# or Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ School: \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher (optional): \_\_\_\_\_

Library Branch: \_\_\_\_\_ Title of Poem: \_\_\_\_\_

Category for Judging (Circle one):   Grades 2-3   |   Grades 4-5   |   Grades 6-7   |   Grades 8-9   |   Grades 10-12   |   Adult

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Your signature states that you have read and agree with the contest rules. You are also stating that this poem is original, and it is not copied from any book or other source.