

50th ANNUAL POETRY CONTEST



Silas Bronson Library

Something for Everyone



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Dear Parents/Guardians,

April is National Poetry Month and the Silas Bronson Library will be celebrating its 50th Annual Poetry Contest. This contest is open to all Waterbury students in Kindergarten through Twelfth Grade. Your child's school has received information regarding the guidelines for the contest and may have sent it home with this letter. This contest is a fun way for your child to highlight their writing skill, win prizes and have fun.

Guidelines for the contest are also available at the Silas Bronson Library main branch and at the Bunker Hill Branch. Important dates to remember: submissions open on February 1, 2025 and close on March 30, 2025. For convenience, all information is available on the library website at bronsonlibrary.org/kidprograms.

Poems may be dropped off at the library, or at the Bunker Hill branch, at any time during the submission dates. You are also welcome to ask your child to give the poem to their teacher to send via interoffice mail, emailed to bronsonkids@waterburyct.org, or sent via the postal mail. In all instances, please leave ample time for arrival on or before the deadline.

Thank you for your time, we here at the Silas Bronson Library are looking forward to receiving the poems for this year's contest. It is always a joy to see the creative spirit thrive in today's families. The winners will be notified by phone in April 2025. Information about the winners' ceremony will be included.

Very truly yours,

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to all Waterbury students who are in
Kindergarten through Twelfth Grade.
See Reverse for rules and guidelines

This Year's Themes

- 1) *Your favorite color*
- 2) *Your favorite memory*
- 3) *Where do you see yourself or the world in 50 years*



Please follow these rules to qualify

- 1) Open to all children in Grades K-12 who live, attend school, or are homeschooled in Waterbury, Connecticut.
- 2) All poems must be received no later than **March 30, 2025 at 8:00 p.m.**
- 3) Students must use one of the listed themes. Please see reverse side for the complete listing.
- 4) All poems **MUST** be the original work of the individual child. Only one poem per child is judged.
- 5) **ONLY** the title and the poem should be on the front side of the page. Please use standard 8 1/2 x 11 inch paper for the poetry submissions. Illustrations are not necessary for the poems.
- 6) Physical poems must have a registration form attached to the **BACK** of the poem. Forms are available on the Silas Bronson Library website, bronsonlibrary.org/kids, at the Silas Bronson Library at 267 Grand Street and the Bunker Hill Branch Library at 197 Bunker Hill Ave. Individual entries may be submitted as an email attachment with required information in the body of the email to bronsonkids@waterburyct.org.
- 7) Entries without a registration form, or those that have no name will be automatically disqualified.
- 8) Poems cannot be returned. Please keep a copy for your records. Winning poems may be published or used on social media.
- 9) Any poem submitted in a foreign language must be accompanied by the English translation. Judging will be based on the translated version of the poem.
- 10) Winning students will have the opportunity to read their poem during the Awards Ceremony on a volunteer basis.
- 11) Only the First Place Winners & Honorable Mention Winners per grade will receive certificates & accompanying prize bags

Note: Winners will be notified in April with information about the finale to follow.

For additional information, please call the Children's Services Division at 203-574-8213

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SILAS BRONSON LIBRARY
ANNUAL POETRY CONTEST REGISTRATION FORM



Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____ Email: _____

School: _____ Grade: _____

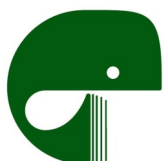
Teacher's Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Parent Telephone Number: _____ Parent Email: _____

PLEASE ATTACH TO BACK OF POEM

Thank you for participating!



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