



Young Poets 7-13 invited to submit

YOUTH POETRY COMPETITION

7th Annual Contest -- Theme is "OUR LAND"

Walt Whitman heard "America Sing" – Enter poems about what makes Our Land sing – our cities, seashores, homes, lives & the things you see, sense and hear!

Prizes and Awards for Five Categories!

Entry Rules Any child may enter -- 7 to 13 in age or 1st through 7th grades. Award groups 7-8, 9-10, 11-13 • Plus other awards for Haiku poems and for poems by Special Children.

Poems must be original works by the submitter • Follow the theme • Tell through poetry about those awesome things you've seen or heard about Our Land • Things that make America your land • Your favorite place, or things you find there. Cities, Towns, Seashore, Mountains • Or write about the animals that live in Our Land • The sounds, the scenes, the feelings • The people.

Up to three poems may be submitted. The poems should be clearly printed or typed on one side of the sheet. The name, age, grade and town of the poet should be clearly noted on the opposite side, with name of contact adult (parent, teacher or advisor) to allow notification of awards (include their Email and/or telephone).

Entries sent by mail – September 12 or earlier postmark are to be mailed to BookFest Poetry, c/o Collingswood Library, 771 Haddon Ave., Collingswood, NJ 08108. You may also hand deliver your entry to the Library's front desk up to September 13. If return of entry is desired, a proper self-addressed envelope must be enclosed. Noted adults will be contacted if children are invited to read their poetry or receive awards.

Poems by Special Children should be sent to Doug Otto, Archway Schools, 280 Jackson Road, Atco, NJ 08004 -- or emailed to Doug.Otto@archwayprograms.org (also for more information).

Recognition - Series of the submitted poems will be selected to be read by their young poets at the BookFest's Poetry Tent to open the festivities on Saturday, October 1st at 10 am. If desired, a prominent local poet will read it with the young poet. Judges will select top poems in each category to be awarded special prizes and a certificate. Best poems will be published in a book presented to winners (free downloadable copy will also be available)

Collingswood BookFest October 1st

See www.collingswoodbookfestival.com for additional info on the Poetry Tent and BookFest