



Write to be Free!

Teen Poetry Contest

Free your mind with the power of poetry!

Write a poem and enter to win a prize! Turn in your poem, along with this entry form, to any Public Library of Cincinnati & Hamilton County location between April 1–30.

WHAT: A poem. Type or write your poem (just be sure we can read it). Electronic submissions will be accepted. Each submission should include an entry form. Entry forms are available at all Library locations and at **TeenSpace.CincinnatiLibrary.org**. There is a limit of four entries per person.

WHEN: April 1–30. Poems submitted after April 30 will not be eligible for the contest.

HOW: A hard copy of your poem mailed to:
TEEN POETRY CONTEST/TEENSPOT
Public Library of Cincinnati & Hamilton County
800 Vine Street, Cincinnati, OH 45202

OR An electronic copy emailed to **teenspot@cincinnatiLibrary.org**.

OR Hand delivered to any **Public Library of Cincinnati & Hamilton County** location.

PRIZES: Prizes will be awarded in two age categories: 12-14 and 15-18. Winners and honorable mentions will be announced in May and prizes awarded at a recognition event at the TeenSpot at the Main Library. **An anthology of the award winning entries will be published and printed using the Library's Espresso Book Machine, and all winners will receive a complimentary copy of the book.**

RULES: Entries will be judged on creativity and style. There is no theme. The contest is for teens ages 12-18. Content should be appropriate for the teen audience. If you are entering more than one poem in the contest, turn in one entry form with each poem you submit. There is a limit of four entries per person. Teens from the Library's Youth Advocating for Youth (YAY) Advisory Board will judge entries and select the winners, with final approval from Library staff.

(Print clearly)

Name: _____

Age: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

Library Branch You Usually Visit: _____

Please read and sign this permission statement: I certify that the work submitted is mine and is completely original. I grant the Public Library of Cincinnati & Hamilton County the right to use my name and this creative work without recourse.

Signature: X _____