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Submission Deadline **Friday, March 13, 2026**

Winners will be notified by **Monday, April 20, 2026**

Reception for contest winners will be held
Thursday, April 30, 2026 at 5:30 PM
Northside Myers Meeting Room
550 Buckeye Street, Chillicothe



**When submitting a physical copy,
please attach this form to your poem**

Name: _____

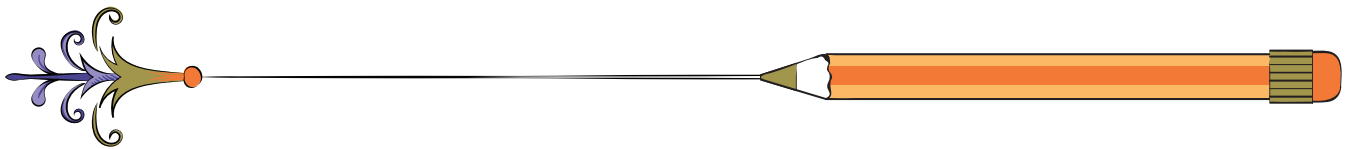
Poem's Title: _____

Grade: _____ School: _____

Teacher: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____



The Chillicothe and Ross County Public Library is celebrating National Poetry Month! We are inviting K-12 students throughout Ross County to submit one original, unpublished poem any time between now and **Friday, March 13, 2026**.

Submission Guidelines

Entries must use the provided template, but may be submitted in the following ways:

- In-person at any of our nine locations
- As a JPEG, PNG, or PDF by email to poetry@crcpl.org
- Via our digital submission form at CRCPL.org/poetry



Questions?

Feel free to contact us via poetry@crcpl.org, or call Liz at **740-702-4145**.

Select poems will be published in our annual poetry anthology and some art pieces may be chosen for display at our Northside location. Judges choose winners from each of the following grade levels:

K - 2nd grades

3rd - 5th grades

6th - 8th grades

9th - 12th grades

Winners receive a free copy of the anthology, as well as an invitation to read their work at our **Poetry Reception on Thursday, April 30 at 5:30 PM**, at Northside Myers Meeting Room, 550 Buckeye Street, Chillicothe.

Additional copies available for purchase.