

**Friends of the Elmhurst Public Library**  
**Poetry Contest Rules and General Information**

Entries will be accepted from February 8 to March 13.

**Entrants**

Students in grades 4 through 12, who are **Elmhurst residents** or attend a **school located in Elmhurst** may enter.

**Contest rules and requirements**

- This year for the first time entries may be submitted online. If submitting a poem online, go to [www.elmhurstpubliclibrary.org](http://www.elmhurstpubliclibrary.org) and click on the "Poetry Contest" icon.
- Entries may also be submitted to the Elmhurst Public Library by mail or by delivery to the library's Welcome Desk.
- Each submission must be **typed on white paper with no art work.**
- Students must submit poems attached to a completed entry blank. Names must be written only on the **back** of the poem as well as on the entry blank.
- All poems must be the student's original work.
- A student may submit only one entry.
- Entries will not be returned. Each entrant should keep a copy.
- Entrants grant to the Friends of the Elmhurst Public Library the right to copy and publish the submission.

**Awards**

- Awards will be presented in each of several age groups.
- The winner in each age group will receive a \$50 City Centre gift certificate.
- The second place winner in each age group will receive a \$25 City Centre gift certificate.
- Students who receive honorable mentions will be recognized at the program.
- Winning poems will be on display at the Library.
- First and second place winners and students receiving honorable mentions will be asked to read their works in a program at the Library for later broadcast on local cable TV. These students should bring a copy of their poem to read at the program.

**All entries must be received by mail, in person at the library's Welcome Desk, or submitted online by 5 P.M. on March 13, 2010.**

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*Poetry Contest*

**ENTRY BLANK**

*(Attach this form to your poem)*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Print Clearly

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

**Poems will be accepted by mail or in person from February 8 to March 13, 2010 by 5 p.m.**

**Please read Poetry Contest Rules and General Information on the reverse of this entry blank before submitting your poem.**

**Winners will be posted in the library on April 9.**

**If entering by mail, please address to "Friends Poetry Contest", C/O Elmhurst Public Library 125 S. Prospect Ave., Elmhurst, IL 60126.**

