

2026 Wilmington Memorial Library

# POETRY CONTEST

## Words That Grow



### TEACHER SUBMISSION FORM

Please include this form with your poem submissions.

#### CONTEST RULES

- Your student's names should only be on this submission form and the BACK of their poems in pencil.
- The theme of your poem can revolve around nature, food, and/or farms, but is *not required* to.
- Poems can be in any style.
- Poems must not exceed 20 lines in length.
- Poems must not be larger than an 8 1/2 x 11 sheet.
- Only one submission per person.

**Deadline for submission of poems to the Wilmington Memorial Library is Thursday, April 30.**

#### WINNERS

A panel of judges will select winners in the following categories: Adult, High School, Middle School, and Elementary School Grades Kindergarten through 5th. **Winners and honorable mentions will be invited to Poetry Night on Wednesday, May 20 at 6pm**, but all are welcome to attend. Winners will receive a book of poetry from the Friends of the Library and honorable mentions will receive a coupon for the Book Store Next Door.

#### NEED INSPIRATION?

Check out these ideas to help you get started:

- A farm grows food that nourishes our bodies; a library grows ideas that nourish our minds.
- If you planted a word like a seed, what would it grow into?
- What can a seed teach us about growing up?
- How do food and stories connect you to your community or people you love?
- What story does the land around you want to tell?
- What grows when stories are shared?

Teacher Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

School \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Please list all student names and poem titles on page 2.

Attach poems in order of student names in case multiple have the same title.





**Student Name**

# Poem Name

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