



Instruction Sheet for 2024 Children's Poetry Writing Contest

- Participants must be in the 3rd Grade, 4th Grade, or 5th Grade.
- **Participants MUST complete the Sign-Up Form on the StauntonLibrary.org website or turn in a paper copy of same with your entry; at least one Parent/Legal Guardian signature is required on this form. You can pick up a paper copy at the Ground Floor Circulation Desk starting March 15.**
- Write your own original poem. If it's more than a page long, please use more than one sheet of paper, only writing on one side of the paper. It's fine if you want to provide illustrations to accompany your poem, but it's not required and will not influence prize judging. You can handwrite or type your poem on any kind of paper.
- **All completed Sign-Up Forms and contest entries must be brought to the library no later than 5:00 p.m. on Monday, April 15. Each entry must include the child's first and last name, grade level, and title of poem. Please submit paper Sign-Up Forms and contest entries to Karen Cunningham, Assistant Children's Programmer, or to the Ground Floor Circulation Desk staff.**
- Three prizes will be awarded (one prize per grade level). Each child who participates will receive a Certificate of Participation.
- **The Poetry Contest entries will be displayed on the Ground Floor of the library from Monday, April 22, through Sunday, April 28; please pick up your entry at the Ground Floor Circulation Desk no later than 4:30 p.m. on Friday, May 3.**
- E-mail any questions to Karen Cunningham at cunninghamkd@ci.staunton.va.us or call 540.332.3902, Ext. 4218.



Sign-Up Form for 2024 Children's Poetry Writing Contest **(Required)**

Name of Child (First and Last): _____

Name of Parent/Legal Guardian: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone #: _____

E-Mail Address (if applicable): _____

Child's Current School Grade (3rd – 5th): _____

Parent Consents:

Required: I, _____ (print first and last name), give my permission for Children's Programming staff at the Staunton Public Library to use my child's first and last name, school grade, and original poetry (with any accompanying illustrations) in the Monday, April 22, through Sunday, April 28, Children's Poetry Writing Contest displayed in the Children's Area of the Library.

Signature of Parent/Legal Guardian

Date

Optional: I, _____ (print first and last name), give my permission for my child's first and last name, grade level, and original poetry (with any accompanying illustrations) to be photographed for presentation on Facebook, Instagram, and/or the Staunton Public Library website.

Signature of Parent/Legal Guardian

Date

