

Vision & Verse Poetry Contest



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Fremont Area Community Foundation, in partnership with Fremont Area District Library and NCCA-Artsplace, is hosting the Vision & Verse Poetry Contest. We invite you to compose and share an original poem related to one of the selected pieces of art and demonstrate your creative talents!

Who may enter?

The contest is open to people ages 11 and up who live in Newaygo County. There is a limit of one entry per person. **Entries may be mailed, brought to the library, or submitted via email no later than noon Friday, May 17, 2024.**

What types of poetry may be submitted?

Poems do not need to follow a particular format. Participants shall view the selected artwork that will be displayed at the Fremont Area District Library, and write a poem based on one of the selected pieces. Images of the artwork are available on the library's website and Facebook page for those who cannot make it to the library. Submissions should be limited to one page, and poems may be selected to be read live at the Vision & Verse Poetry Event on Wednesday, May 29 at 5 pm in Arboretum Park (rain location at the Community Room, Fremont Area District Library.)

Judging criteria:

Entries will be evaluated on the following criteria by a panel of poets, creative writers, educators, and philanthropists. **Entries are not evaluated by library staff.**

1. Original thought and perspective
2. Relevance to the selected art piece chosen
3. Word choice that powerfully conveys imagery and effectively conveys the subject
4. Rhythm, pattern, rhyme, metaphor, and/or analogy as relevant to the type of poem

Winners:

Awards will be announced at the Vision & Verse Poetry Event on Wednesday, May 29 from 5-7 p.m. at Arboretum Park, 529 Iroquois Drive, Fremont. A winner from each age group will receive a cash prize: \$250 for ages 11-17 and \$500 each for ages 18+. If there is inclement weather, the event will take place at Fremont Area District Library.

How to enter:

- Complete the two-page entry form electronically or by hand. Return both pages by mail, email, or bring in to the library by **May 17**.
- Do not put any identifying information on the second page.
- All entries become property of Fremont Area District Library and will not be returned.

Deliver, mail, or email both pages of this form to:

Vision & Verse Poetry Contest

Attn: Jackilyn Roseberry

Fremont Area District Library

104 East Main Street

Fremont, MI 49412

Email: jroseberry@fremontlibrary.net

**Vision & Verse Poetry Contest
Release Form**

This completed form must be signed and submitted with each entry or the poem will be disqualified.

Full name: _____

Age: 11- 17 18 and over

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone number: _____ Email: _____

Please read the following and confirm your acknowledgement by signing or typing your name below.

Certification statement: As a Vision & Verse Poetry Contest participant, I certify that the poem is my own original work and was written entirely by me without using content from any other person or source. I also certify that I have not previously published the poem or entered it in any other contest.

Participant release: I do hereby consent and agree that Fremont Area Community Foundation and Fremont Area District Library staff have permission to take photographs and/or record video and/or audio of me and/or use my property (i.e. entered poem) in any educational, promotional, and/or marketing materials. I further give the right to exhibit any such works publicly or privately, including posting on the library website. I have read and understand the above statements and I am competent to execute this agreement.

Name (please print): _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/guardian release: I grant permission to Fremont Area District Library and Fremont Area Community Foundation to use photographs taken of me and/or my minor child for use in publications such as promotional brochures, newsletters, magazines, educational materials, and websites without notifying me. I agree to waive and release any and all claims against both organizations relating to the photo and their uses and/or distribution in any version or media.

Parent/guardian name (please print): _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Your poem:

Please enter your original poem in the box below. You may handwrite or type the poem.

Important: to ensure the anonymity of entries, **please do not put your name on this page.** All contact information for the poet should be restricted to the previous page.

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