

# Newaygo County Poetry Contest



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Fremont Area Community Foundation, in partnership with Fremont Area District Library and NCCA-Artsplace, is hosting the Newaygo County Poetry Contest. We invite you to compose and share an original poem! This is the dream and vision of the late reknown artist Jim Magee.

## 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 5pm Friday, May 8, 2026.**

## What types of poetry may be submitted?

Poems do not need to follow a particular format. Submissions should be limited to one page, and poems may be selected to be read live at the Newaygo County Poetry Event on Wednesday, May 20th at 6:00 pm in the Community Room of the Fremont Area District Library. Please make sure that you are available to read your original poem in person at the event if selected.

## 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. Word choice that powerfully conveys imagery and effectively conveys the subject
3. Rhythm, pattern, rhyme, metaphor, and/or analogy as relevant to the type of poem

## Winners:

Awards will be announced at the Newaygo County Poetry Event on Wednesday, May 20 from 6:00pm-7:00pm at the Fremont Area District Library, 104 E Main St., Fremont. All winners will receive a cash prize: \$250 for the winner of the 11-17 age group. \$100 for the two runners up of the 11-17 age group. \$500 for the winner of the 18 and over age group. \$250 for the two runners up of the 18 and over age group.

## 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 8**.
- Do not put any identifying information on the page with your poem.
- All entries become property of Fremont Area District Library and will not be returned.

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

### Newaygo County Poetry Contest

Attn: Jackilyn Roseberry

Fremont Area District Library

104 East Main Street

Fremont, MI 49412

Email: [jroseberry@fremontlibrary.net](mailto:jroseberry@fremontlibrary.net)

**Newaygo County 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 Newaygo County 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 staff, Fremont Area District Library staff and NCAA-Artsplace 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, Fremont Area Community Foundation, and the NCCA-Artsplace 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.

Age Group    ☐ 11-17    ☐ 18 and over