



Cornwall Public Library's
TIMOTHY MUMFORD
MEMORIAL
POETRY COMPETITION

2026 POETRY COMPETITION RULES

1. Entrants must be between 5-18 years old.
2. Authors may submit no more than two (2) poems, one poem per page. If more than two are submitted, the library will select two at random and as anonymously/fairly as possible to submit to the judges for consideration.
3. Hard copy entries must be typed. Handwritten entries will not be accepted.
4. For hard copies submitted, the front of the page is just for the poem; the back of each page must have the following information (If sending a digital copy, please include this information on a separate page):

☐ Entrant's full name

☐ Age, Grade, School, or denote "home schooled"

☐ Home Address, including zip code

☐ Contact Telephone Number

☐ Email Address

5. Entries submitted in a foreign language must include an English translation. Poems in a foreign language without a translation will be disqualified.
6. Please do not include illustrations with your poem. Pictures are not considered, and make it difficult to ensure anonymity and fair judging.
7. Poems must be original work and may not be submitted without the poet's knowledge and consent. They may not be copied from any source. We will not accept poems written by ChatGPT and other AI programs. Poems found to be copied or plagiarized will be disqualified, along with any additional work submitted by that poet.
8. Poems will be judged in the following categories, according to the age of the poet at the time of submission:

Ages 5-6 | Ages 7-9 | Ages 10-12 | Ages 13-15 | Ages 16-18

9. Entries will be accepted through Tuesday April 2, 2026. Late entries are not eligible and will not be held over to the following year. Submit entries to the following:

Email to: CDunaief@rcls.org

Mail to: Cornwall Public Library Attn: Poetry
Competition 395 Hudson St.,
Cornwall, NY 12518 845-534-8282

Awards Ceremony: Sunday, April 26th @ 1:30pm
Library Community Room