

Live! From The Library
Student Poetry Contest for Youth Ages 5-19
Sponsored by the Walnut Creek Library Foundation

Contest Entry Form

Note: Please print carefully and use a pen so we can read your information.

DATE: _____ AGE: _____ GRADE: _____

FIRST NAME: _____ LAST NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ ZIP: _____

TELEPHONE: _____ E-MAIL: _____

SCHOOL: _____

POEM TITLE: _____

SIGNATURES(S):

I declare and avow that the poem I am submitting to the **Live! From The Library Student Poetry Contest** is my own original work. Winning poems may be published on the Foundation website.

POET: _____

By signing this form, I, as the parent or legal guardian, give permission to the above-named minor to enter the Walnut Creek Library Foundation's **Student Poetry Contest** and agree to the official rules.

Parent or Guardian Signature : _____

(If student is under 18)

ALL ENTRIES MUST INCLUDE THIS COMPLETED AND SIGNED FORM

ALL ENTRIES MUST BE RECEIVED BY **MARCH 26, 2014**

MAIL ENTRIES TO:

WALNUT CREEK LIBRARY FOUNDATION

POETRY CONTEST

P.O. BOX 4979

WALNUT CREEK, CA 94596

ENTRIES CAN ALSO BE DROPPED OFF AT THE YGNACIO VALLEY LIBRARY AND WALNUT CREEK LIBRARY. SCANNED FORMS CAN BE EMAILED TO INFO@WCLIBRARY.ORG.

Additional entry forms can be downloaded at www.wclibrary.org
Questions? Visit our website, wclibrary.org or call 935-5395



Walnut Creek Library Foundation
presents

Student Poetry Contest

"100"

Deadline March 26, 2014

Students at Walnut Creek Schools are invited to enter into our 5th annual poetry contest.

- Deadline for entry is **March 26, 2014**.
- The contest is free and all participants will receive a poetry contestant certificate.
- First, second, third place and honorable mention prizes will be awarded in four categories: K-3, 4-5, 6-8 and 9-12.
- Finalists will be judged by students in the Saint Mary's Master of Fine Arts Program.
- First, second, and third place winners will have the opportunity to read their poems at the Poetry Celebration on May 3, at the library.

Student Poetry Celebration
May 3, 2014



“100”

The City of Walnut Creek was incorporated in 1914 and the city turns 100 in 2014! We are celebrating the centennial by asking you to think about the number 100 and what it means to you.

We use 100 as a marker, a milestone, a measurement. For a city, 100 years is not very old. For a person, though, 100 years is a very big milestone. One hundred pennies is a lot of pennies but only one dollar. Sometimes, one hundred is used to tell us something we don't want to hear: “For the hundredth time, I've told you to ...” or “Your chances are about 100 to 1.” We use it to mean that we are giving someone our full support, “I'll back you 100 percent.” One hundred is an important measurement in sports. The fastest athlete at 100 meters is considered the fastest man in the world; our football fields measure 100 yards; in pro basketball Wilt Chamberlain scored 100 points in one game, the most ever by just one player. In science, one hundred kilometers above sea level marks the boundary between earth's atmosphere and outer space. And we are always confronted with lists of “the top one hundred ...” movies, books, songs, on and on.

Write a poem of 32 lines or fewer exploring the theme “100”. You are free to let your imagination run wild beyond 100 kilometers and into outer space.

Deadline for entry is March 26, 2014. On Saturday, May 3, there will be a reading, celebration and award ceremony at the Walnut Creek Library in the Oak View Room at 11:00 a.m. We hope you join us to celebrate poetry!



Contest Rules and Guidelines

Entries must be received by **March 26, 2014**

Who is eligible to enter the contest?

- Students attending schools in Walnut Creek, CA, in grades: K-3, 4-5, 6-8, 9-12
- Students must be 5-19 years old on the March 26, deadline date. Youth older than 19 who are still enrolled in high school are eligible, but college students, even if 19 or younger, are not.

What is the entry deadline?

- **Entries must be received by March 26, 2014**
- Entries can be mailed, dropped off at either the WC Library or Ygnacio Valley Library, or email scanned forms and poems to info@wclibrary.org
- We are not responsible for entries that are late or lost in the mail.

What are the entry requirements?

- **All poems must be original work.**
- Poetry must be either typed (preferred) or legibly written in ink (pencil does not photocopy.)
- Poems **should not exceed 32 lines in length.**
- **The student's name, school and city should be on the poem, and a completed Contest Entry Form should accompany the poem.** Poems not submitted in this format, or with incomplete or illegible writing will not be judged. We are only able to accept poems in English.
- Students may enter the contest as many times as they like, but a separate entry form must be completed for each submission.

What about prizes?

- All entrants will be acknowledged with a Poetry Contestant Certificate.
- Selected poems will be published in a booklet.
- Winners will be contacted by email or telephone.
- No response to prize notification will result in forfeiture of the prize.

Are there any release and consent stipulations?

- Submissions become the property of the Walnut Creek Library Foundation. Through submission of poetry, contestants and their legal guardians grant non-exclusive reproduction and publication rights to the works submitted, **which will not be returned.**
- Students may be photographed at the Student Poetry Reading on May 3, 2014. Signature on this form gives WCLF permission to use photos in WCLF materials and website.

Where should I mail my poem?

- Poems may be dropped off at either library or sent to the addresses on the back of the form.

**The Walnut Creek Library Foundation reserves the right to not award a prize in any given category if no entry merits such designation.*