



Acton Public Library's 32nd Annual Poetry Competition

Entries will be accepted from April 1 - 30, 2026 at the library.

Rules for all participants (if not followed, poem will be disqualified):

- Poems must be original and unpublished (no AI generated poems)
- Author must be a Connecticut resident
- One poem per letter size page (one side of page only, white, 8.5 x 11, font size no less than 12 pt. in a readable font – typed is preferred)
- No more than 40 lines per poem
- All poems must have titles
- Author's name, address, phone number and division should appear on the back of the poem (Poet's name is not given to the judges)
- No more than three entries per person (only 1 prize per person)
- Poems may be hand delivered or mailed to the library at 60 Old Boston Post Road, Old Saybrook, CT 06475 or emailed to: cbaklik@actonlibrary.org

Open to all ages in the following divisions:

Grades 1-4 Grades 5-8 Grades 9-12 Adult Sonnet

Winners will be notified by phone beginning May 30, 2026, and will be recognized during the library's annual Poetry Presentation on Saturday, June 6, 2026 at 2:00 p.m.

Awards will be provided by the Friends of Acton Public Library.

Please attach this part to your submission.

I certify that I have read, understand, and agree to all contest rules.

SIGNATURE: (If under 18, parent signature) _____

POEM TITLE(S): _____

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____

EMAIL : _____

PLEASE CIRCLE DIVISION :

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