

Teen Advisory Board
Annual Poetry Competition 2026



RULES

Themes: Create an original poem that fits into one of the themes:

- **Friendship**
- **Imagination**
- **Freedom**
- **AI World**

Ages: The competition is open to Middle and High School Students.
There are 2 age categories; 11-13 and 14-18 year olds

Content: Entrants must submit typed original content **none** of which should have been previously published or performed in any media or stage. You are encouraged to be as creative as you like. Entrants can enter one poem per category. Maximum length of poem should not exceed 2 pages. There must be no profanity and/or otherwise unsuitable materials in the content.

Deadline: **Friday, April 17th, 2026 at 5:00 p.m.**
Drop off your entries at The Youth Library, Church Street, Hamilton. Entries must be placed in a sealed envelope clearly marked Poetry Competition. **Also included in the envelope, on a separate piece of paper, should be your name, age, email address, home address, phone numbers, theme and school.**

Additional details

Winners will be notified no later than Friday, May 8th, 2026.
Winning entries will be published via the library's social media and newsletter.

Prizes

One winner will be selected from each age category.
There will also be second and third place winners in each age category.
Prizes will be gift certificates, participation certificates and goodie bag.

For further information, call 295-0487.