

Dyer-Ives Poetry Competition

Online Entry

- Submit one unpublished poem per person online via our Submittable portal. If submitting for multiple students, please submit a separate form for each student. The form only allows you to attach one document.
- To go directly to the Submittable portal, visit www.grpl.org/dyer-ives/submit.
- Note that names should not appear anywhere on the uploaded document(s). Complete instructions about how to submit online can be found at www.grpl.org/dyer-ives.

Mail-In Entries

- Students in grades K – 8 can enter poems via mail.
- Submit one unpublished poem.
- Entries must be typed.
- Include grade category, name, address, phone, email, and title of the poem on a 3" x 5" index card and paper clip it to the poem.
- Name should not appear on poem.
- Mailed entries should be post dated not later than February 28, 2026.

Mail entries to the following address:

Grand Rapids Public Library
Attn: Dyer-Ives Poetry Competition
111 Library St NE
Grand Rapids, MI 49503

Judging & Results

- We reserve the right to disqualify any entry not meeting the guidelines or eligibility requirements.
- Entries serve as photo release and agreement to participate in media events.
- Winners under 18 years of age will need a parent/guardian to sign a photo release form.
- Winning poems will be posted online at www.grpl.org/dyer-ives and published in *Voices* in Spring 2026.

Instructions for Teachers

- Submitting Student Poems: Teachers can mail multiple students' poems in one envelope.
- Make sure the student's name does not appear on their poem.
- Paper clip an index card or separate sheet of paper to each entry with the following information: grade category, student name, home address, phone number, and parent and/or student email address.
- Please also include the title of the poem and what Kent County school the student attends. Students may also submit their poems following the online submission instructions.

Questions?

Email dyerives@grpl.org.

Submissions Accepted

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