

## Hernando County Public Library 2026 Poetry Contest

### Entry Form:

Name:

Home Library (circle one): East   Main   Spring Hill   West

Category (circle one): Child (5-12), Teen (13-18), Adult (Over 18)

Email:

Phone Number:

Library Card Number:

Title of Poem:

### Submission Guidelines:

- Eligibility: any Hernando County Library Cardholder
- Categories: Child (5-12), Teen (13-18), Adult (Over 18)
- Poems and entry forms can be dropped off at any Hernando County Library. The entry form needs to be attached to the printed poem. Handwritten poems will not be accepted.
- Two entries per cardholder, but only one poem can place. Each poem needs to be submitted with its own entry form.
- Poem Formatting: poems must be typed, 12pt Times New Roman, Arial, or another easy-to-read font. Minimum length is six words, maximum length is one typed page. Please do not put your name on the poem, just the title.
- Poems will be judged anonymously by a variety of library staff.
- Poems containing offensive language or themes will be disqualified. What is considered “offensive” is up to the discretion of the library.
- The use of any artificial intelligence (AI) software to create or enhance poems is strictly prohibited and suspected use will cause disqualification.
- By submitting a poem, you are giving the Hernando County Public Library permission to distribute your poem if you place in the contest.

By checking this box, I am acknowledging that I have read the Submission Guidelines.