



During the months of March and April, Brussels Library invites Children, Tweens, and Teens in our community to create a poem and share it with us.

It's easy to enter the Library's Young Poets contest. Just write a poem and enter to win a trophy.

HOW DOES IT WORK?

- Entries will be judged on creativity and style.
- There is no theme.
- There are two age groups: Children/Tweens, ages 8 to 12 and Teens, ages 13 to 18
- 1st, 2nd, 3rd place, and honorable mentions will be awarded to each age group.
- **Winners and honorable mentions** will be contacted by phone or email, and their works will be displayed both online and in book form or by May 10, 2026.
- Winners and honorable mentions will receive a copy of their winning works in book form and a Young Poet Contest Trophy.

POETRY REQUIREMENTS:

- Participants can type or write their poem (just be sure we can read it).
- Electronic submissions will be accepted. Don't forget the entry form.
- An Entry form is available on the back of this form, at Brussels Library, and [ONLINE at our website](#).
- **Entry forms must be signed by a parent or guardian to confirm that it is ok for the child, tween, or teen to participate in the poetry contest.**
- Submitted poems will not be returned. They must be printed neatly or typed. Make sure it's legible.
- Poems will be judged by original content, style, vocabulary, and creative artistic expression.
- Content should be appropriate for Children, Tween, and Teen audiences.

HOW DO I SUBMIT?

- Participants may email an electronic copy of their poem and the entry form to usarmy.brussels.library@army.mil OR bring it in person with an entry form at the library.
- Poems submitted in person without the form will not be considered. Make sure to attach the completed form.
- **The last day to submit entries is April 17, 2026.**

Cost – Free

See back of sheet for the entry form →



USAG Benelux - Brussels Library Young Poet Contest 2026

Entry Form: Deadline 4/17/2026

Please print eligibly.

First Name _____ Last Name _____

Parent's Phone Number _____

Email _____

School _____ Age _____

Title of Poem _____

*By submitting this poem, you are giving the library permission to post your poem online and in print.

Parent or Guardian Signature:

Parent or Guardian email:
