



**Throughout 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 prize.

#### **HOW DOES IT WORK?**

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- 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, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 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.
  - The USAG Benelux – Brussels Library 2026 Young Poet Contest book will be implemented into our book collection for patrons to check out.
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#### **POETRY REQUIREMENTS:**

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- 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.
  - Entry forms are available at Brussels Library and [HERE](#) on 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.
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#### **HOW DO I SUBMIT?**

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- Participants may email an electronic copy of their poem and the entry form to [usarmy.brussels.library@army.mil](mailto: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, 2025.**
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**Cost – Free**

**See back of sheet for the entry form →**

**USAG Benelux - Brussels Library Young Poets Contest 2024**

**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:

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Parent or Guardian email:

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