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2020 National Poetry Month Celebration Contest Entry Form
This fully completed form must accompany the entry

Please type or print clearly:

Full Name of Author: _____ Age: _____ E-mail: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Other Phone: _____

Entry Title(s): _____

Entry Age Category: **Children (age <12)** **Teen (age12-19)** **Adult (age 20+)**

PLEASE NOTE: Each participant may submit up to three entries

PUBLICATION PERMISSION FORM

By signing this release form, each Participant or Participant’s Parent/Legal Guardian (where applicable) hereby assigns, transfers, or otherwise conveys, all rights, titles and interests in and to the Billings Public Library, including without limitation all copyrights and other intellectual property rights therein. Furthermore, signer(s) agree that the Participant’s submitted poem(s) may be presented in any way deemed proper by the Billings Public Library without additional consent or payment to the participant or anyone on the participant’s behalf claiming to have right to such payment.

Examples of how poems may be used:

- Included with an online collection of other poetry (children, teen, or adult) on the Billings Public Library’s official website
- Educational or promotional presentations for any Billings Public Library sponsored programs that may be included in a television or Internet broadcast

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I have received and read a copy of the official rules and understand that failure to follow these rules may result in disqualification of my entry.

Participant’s Name (please type or print): _____ Date: _____

Name as you want it published online: _____

Participant’s Signature: _____ Date: _____



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Signature and address of parent or guardian (if applicable):

Parent/guardian name (type or print clearly): _____ Date: _____

Parent/guardian signature _____ Date: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: ___ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Other Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

**2020 Poetry Competition
Official Rules**

Entry Age Category: Children (age <12) Teen (age 12-19) Adult (age 20+)

Deadline: At the library by 8pm Friday, April 3rd, 2020

RULES MUST BE FOLLOWED OR ENTRY MAY BE DISQUALIFIED

1. Entries must have a title page and contain the following information: **Your name, age group, and titles of all poems entered.** Do not begin your poems on the title page.
2. You may submit up to 3 poems. Each poem must be on a separate page and contain title, but no names.
3. There is NO entry fee.
4. There is no limit of word, line, or stanza length on poems.
5. Entries must not have been previously published.
6. Entries judged on originality, complexity, language and imagery, editing and proofreading, and careful arrangement and use of poetic techniques.
7. If submitting online, the *file format* should be Microsoft Word or a PDF file.
8. If submitting in person, please use letter sized white paper.
9. All entries MUST have the permission slip signed and submitted with all entries.

The Billings Public Library has permission to include my entry in the online book containing all entries in the 2020 Billings National Poetry Month Celebration Contest. I retain all other copyrights for this entry. *I have received and read a copy of the official rules and understand that failure to follow these rules may result in disqualification of my entry.*