

Pottsboro Library Summer Sidewalk Poetry Competition Fact Sheet

May 1st -31st

Competition Details:

The competition will recognize five poets from our community and engage the senses and emotions of our residents with delight and inspiration. Approximately five poems from local poets will be curated, made into stencils, and painted on sidewalks and pedestrian pathways throughout Pottsboro.

Participants:

Open to anyone of all ages, who lives, works, or goes to school in Pottsboro and the surrounding areas.

Poem Requirements:

Poems should be short—up to 120 characters including title, spaces, and punctuation. Due to the scale and structure of sidewalks, line breaks in the poems will be phrased to fit in approximately 3'x3" space. Poets are allowed an additional fifteen characters for their name or pen name. Poems should be original, unpublished works; or if previously published, rights must have reverted to the poet.

Recognition:

Winners will be recognized at an event at the library, on the library website and in social media and other library publications. Selected poems may be reproduced at multiple locations.

Deadline for submission

Wednesday, May 31, 2023, 11:59 PM CDT

Submissions:

Poets may submit up to three individual poems. Poets may want to consider themes of daily life, of a sense of space and place, thoughts on our community or messages that embody diversity and inclusivity. Writers should consider that these poems will appear in public spaces and people of all ages and backgrounds will stroll across and read them.

Submissions must be submitted via email to PottsboroLibrary@gmail.com by 11:59 PM CDT on May 31, 2023.

Authors will grant the library a release form for the use of their poems for public display and for print and promotional use. Poets will be credited for their work and will retain all other rights.

Entries must include:

- A short biography of up to three sentences about the author
- Up to three poems to the specifications listed above
- Poetry Release Form

Timeline:

- Winners will be announced on Monday, June 19th at 12pm at the Pottsboro Library.
- Poetry will be installed throughout the month of June. Poems will be allowed to fade naturally over time

Criteria:

Poetry will be reviewed by a group of experts June 1st – June 8th and selections will be awarded based on several factors such as aesthetic value and creativity.

Questions: Email Renee Nichols at reeneenichols@pottsborolibrary.onmicrosoft.com.

