Chester Public Library 4th Annual Poetry Contest April 2019

By April 17, 2019, aspiring poets are encouraged to submit original poems in the 2019 Poetry Contest sponsored by the Friends of the Chester Public Library

About the contest:

- Qualified poems will be judged on originality and structure.
- Each poem will be assigned a category number for anonymous judging.
- Poems must be suitable for a general audience. (No profanity, vulgarity, etc.)
- This contest is for adults and students in grades 7-12.
- Two styles of poetry will be judged and accepted − 1) Free Verse and 2) Rhyme
- Winners and honorable mentions will be chosen from each category unless there are insufficient entries submitted.
- All participants will receive a certificate and are invited to a recognition reception at the Chester Public Library on Monday, April 29 at 6:30 p.m.
- Winners will be announced on April 29, 2019.
- Entry forms are available at the Chester Public Library or online at www.chesterpubliclibrary.com

Rules:

- Poems must be original works submitted by the writer.
- Limit one entry per <u>category</u>.
- Poems should be typed or clearly printed on white paper.
- Poem must be titled and no longer than 25 lines.
- The contest is limited to those residing in or attending school in Chester Unit School District #139.
- All entries must be received at the Chester Public Library by 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 17, 2019.
- All decisions of the judging committee are final.
- The Chester Public Library reserves the right to print, reuse, in whole or in part, any entry in the contest.

