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Celebrate National Poetry Month by entering the Pickens County Library System's 7th Annual Poetry Contest!

April is National Poetry Month and in celebration, poets of all ages are invited to submit an original poem to the Pickens County Library System's 7th Annual Poetry Contest. There will be three age categories again this year: youth (up to age 11), teens (ages 12-18), and adults (ages 19 and up). Submissions may be in any style.

This year there will also be a separate category and prize in honor of the late Dot Jackson: The Dot Jackson Memorial Prize. Submissions for this prize are required to be in the narrative form.

Thomas L. Johnson, published author and poet, will select a winner from the finalists in each category. Winners will be announced and prizes will be given at an Awards Ceremony on Saturday, April 29th at 3pm at the Hampton Memorial Library in Easley. Winners will receive \$50 cash thanks to the Birchwood Center, an official sponsor of The Poetry Contest again this year.

Entries will be accepted from March 1st - April 1st, and can be turned in at any Pickens County Library System branch or submitted electronically to quientellw@pickens.lib.sc.us. Entries may be no longer than 36 lines of poetry on one (8.5 x 11") page. Each entry **MUST** include the author's name, age, and contact information (phone number, mailing address, and/or email address). **Entries missing information or received after April 1st will be removed from the contest. Only one entry per person is permitted, unless you are submitting for your age category, as well as the Dot Jackson Memorial Prize. Two separate submissions are permitted in this case, but please indicate which entry is intended for the Dot Jackson category.**

For more information, please call the library at 864-850-7077.

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ADDITIONAL
SPECIAL PRIZE
CATEGORY THIS YEAR:
THE DOT JACKSON
MEMORIAL PRIZE



Dot Jackson
1932-2016

ENTRIES
FOR THIS
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POEM FORM

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~RITA DOVE