

21ST ANNUAL PLEASURE ISLAND POETRY CONTEST

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WHO CAN PARTICIPATE?

All students in grades K – 12 in Baldwin County including Homeschoolers.

PRIZES WILL BE AWARDED

Prize checks will be awarded on the basis of individual merit and grade level.

WINNERS WILL BE CHOSEN BASED ON THESE CRITERIA

- Theme development
- Creative use of language
- Appeal to senses

Judges decisions are final.

WHEN IS THE ENTRY DEADLINE?

The poems must be submitted on or before, Friday April 17th, 2026 by 6:00 p.m.

HOW DO YOU ENTER YOUR POEM?

Your poem should be typed or printed on standard printer paper and must have an entry form attached. Entry forms are available at Orange Beach and Gulf Shores school and public libraries as well as online. Return your entry to either library in person or by mail.

Orange Beach Public Library
Poetry Contest
26267 Canal Road
Orange Beach, AL 36561
www.orangebeachlibrary.org
251-981-2923

Thomas B. Norton Public Library
Poetry Contest
221 W 19th Ave.
Gulf Shores, AL 36542
www.gulfshoresal.gov/library
251-968-1176

2026 POETRY CONTEST

ENTRY FORM

To enter a Poem:

1. Carefully fill out this entry form. You may submit a maximum of three entries. The information on the form will be used to identify your entry and to notify winners. Ask your teacher or parent to check the form before you submit it.
2. Staple the completed entry form to the top of your poem. **Please DO NOT put your name on the poem.** The judges need to be completely impartial.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip Code _____

Phone Number _____

Email _____

Parent/Guardian _____

School _____

Grade _____

3. Take or mail your entry to Orange Beach Public Library or Gulf Shores Library on or before April 17th, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.

If you have questions about these instructions, please speak with Kaylen Bradberry (Orange Beach Public Library), Breanna Earls (Orange Beach Public Library), or Kelli Day (Thomas B. Norton Public Library).