

POETRY CONTEST SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

"Where We Belong": Wissahickon Valley Area Poetry Contest

Reading at Ambler Public Library: April 26th 2025 @ 1 - 4 pm

Theme: Home, Hometown, Community, Belonging

Some questions or prompts

What makes you feel like you belong?

What is your sense of home? Examples might include family, heritage, friends, nature, creative expression, work, spirituality

What qualities of community make you feel welcome?

What keeps you connected in times of difficulty?

How do you find community or home if you've been uprooted?

Eligibility: All children, teens and adults. Those who live within the Wissahickon-Ambler Library service communities are especially encouraged.

There are three prize categories: Child (5-12), Teen (13-18), Adult (Over 18)

Anthology: All submissions may be published in an anthology.

Selected poems will be printed on posters displayed in downtown Ambler storefronts.

Poem Formatting: Poem must be in 12 pt Times Roman and no longer than one page.

Poems can be in another language, but a translation must also be submitted.

Poetry Reading: All participants who submit poems may read their poem in the poetry reading held from 1-4 at the Ambler Library on Saturday, April 26th, 2025. Participants will be assigned a time slot to read their poem.

HOW TO SUBMIT:

1. **In Person** (*preferred*) - Submit your poem with submission form to the Wissahickon Valley Public Libraries in Ambler or in Blue Bell.
 - a. Ambler Branch - 209 Race Street, Ambler, PA 19002 Ph: (215) 646-1072
 - b. Blue Bell - 650 Skippack Pike, Blue Bell, PA 19422 Ph: (215) 643-1320
2. **By email** - Submit your poem *with* the submission form to poetrycontest@wvpl.org
 - a. Email Subject line must be "WVPL poetry contest–LAST NAME" (insert your last name) or the poem will not be accepted.
 - b. Attached files must be in .pdf format and must not exceed 2MB in size.

Questions: Please send an email to poetrycontest@wvpl.org