

POETS' NIGHT OUT 2025 RULES

Poets of all ages are invited to enter their original poetry in the Poets' Night Out contest. Poetry will be accepted until Thursday, January 25, 2025, via mail or can be dropped off at the Main branch of Traverse Area District Library on Woodmere Ave.

1. Poets must live in, own property in, or attend school in Alcona, Antrim, Benzie, Charlevoix, Cheboygan, Emmet, Grand Traverse, Kalkaska, Leelanau, Manistee, Missaukee, Montmorency, Oscoda, Otsego, Presque Isle, or Wexford counties to enter.
2. Poets may submit up to three poems. A single poem may not exceed 120 lines.
3. Poetry must be postmarked or dropped off by Thursday, January 25, 2025.
4. Submission fee is \$10 for individuals, \$5 for students/seniors
5. You retain copyright to your poems, but if selected you will grant the Traverse Area District Library a license to publish your selected poem in the electronic and/or paper PNO Chapbook, and potentially future PNO anthologies.
6. If your poem is selected for inclusion in the chapbook, we reserve the right to modify the layout or formatting of your poem to fit within the design constraints of the chapbook.
7. Poems will not be returned; please keep a copy of your poems.

PLEASE be sure:

- Poems are typewritten
- Each poem has a title
- Do not write your name on your poems
- Do not include pictures with your poems

Please include the following in your submission:

1. 3 copies of each poem
2. a self-addressed stamped envelope
3. a completed and signed submission form
4. the submission fee

Mail or drop off your entry to: Poets' Night Out / Traverse Area District Library / 610 Woodmere Ave / Traverse City MI 49686

We are not responsible for lost or misdirected mail. We recommend that you do not send cash. Please make a check or money order out to Traverse Area District Library (TADL).

Winning poems will be published in the Poets' Night Out chapbook, and winning poets will be asked to read their poem at the Poets' Night Out event on Sunday, April 6, 2025 at 7pm.

For more information visit our website at www.poetsnightout.org

If you have any other questions, please e-mail pno@tadl.org or call 231-932-8502.