



# Massillon Public Library 208 Lincoln Way East

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## POETRY & FLASH FICTION CONTEST

1. Writings submitted to the contest must be original work. There is a limit of 4 pieces per entrant: either poems &/or flash fiction (short stories of up to 1000 words).
2. Contest is open to grades 3 – 12 and adults (over age 18).
3. Deadline is March 31, by closing time in person OR 11:59 p.m. IF submitting online.
4. Pieces must be family-friendly. In collaboration with the Massillon Museum’s *The Big Read* selection Burning Bright by Ron Rash this year, writers have the option of fitting their work to the themes of literature, books in general, or the featured book. This is optional. *The Big Read* is a program of the National Endowment for the Arts designed to restore reading to the center of American culture. Through *The Big Read*, communities come together to read, discuss, and celebrate U.S. and world literature.
5. Writings must be submitted with this form (signed by parent or guardian if under 18) OR online at [www.massillonlibrary.org](http://www.massillonlibrary.org). Submissions will not be returned. The Massillon Public Library may reproduce your piece on its website, but copyright is retained by the author. Please do not submit your only copy as it will not be returned to you.
6. The decision of the judge is final.
7. Entrants in this contest will be given the opportunity to read at the **Open Mic Night** held at the Massillon Public Library on April 23, at 6:30 p.m. Winners will be awarded their prizes during the Read-In. Entrants should bring their own copies of their works if they wish to read them as previously submitted pieces will not be available. In addition, as part of *The Big Read*, winners may be invited to read at **One-Act Plays** at Washington High School.
8. Pieces should be submitted to the Main Library Children’s and Reference desks, the main desks at the Belloni Branch (Brewster), the Askren Branch (Navarre) and the Bookmobile. Pieces may also be submitted online at [www.massillonlibrary.org](http://www.massillonlibrary.org).



Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_

Please check one:  I am in grades 3-8     I am in grades 9-12     I am 18 years or older

Should my (my child’s) piece be chosen as the winner, I give permission to the Massillon Public Library to display my (my child’s) photo, grade and name as the winner of the contest.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Parent or Guardian if under age 18 \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Writings may be submitted on the back of this form if space permits.**