

Young Poets 7-13 invited to submit



**8th Annual Contest** -- Theme is

***“WHERE THE WILD THINGS ARE!”***

Poems about the wildlife...animals, trees and other  
flora...the wildlands, wetlands  
or oceans where they live.

***Prizes and Awards for Five Categories!***

**Entry Rules** Any child may enter -- 7 to 13 in age or 1st through 7th grades. Award groups 7-8, 9-10, 11-13 • Plus additional awards for Haiku poems from Nick Virgilio Haiku Assoc. **Poems must be** original works by the submitter • Follow the theme

Talk about Siberian Tigers to snails or turtles. Or seagulls to eagles, or the many wildlands/wetlands they live in – even your own made-up wildlands.

Use your imagination. Make life grow wild and alive.

**Up to three poems** may be submitted. The poems should be clearly printed or typed on one side of the sheet. The name, age, grade and town of the poet should be clearly noted on the opposite side, with name of contact adult (parent, teacher or advisor) to allow notification of awards (include their Email and/or telephone).

**Entries sent by mail – September 21 or earlier postmark** are to be mailed to Book Fest Poetry, c/o Collingswood Library, 771 Haddon Ave., Collingswood, NJ 08108. You may also hand deliver your entry to the Library's front desk up to September 22 . If return of entry is desired, a proper self-addressed envelope must be enclosed. Noted adults will be contacted if children are invited to read their poetry or receive awards.

**Recognition** - Series of the submitted poems will be selected to be read by their young poets at the BookFest's Poetry Tent to open the festivities on Saturday, October 7th at 10 am. If desired, a prominent local poet will read it with the young poet. Judges will select top poems in each category to be awarded special prizes and a certificate. Best poems will be published in a book presented to winners (free downloadable copy will also be available). Tent will be on Washington Ave, at Haddon and if rain will be at the High School.

**Collingswood BookFest      October 7<sup>th</sup>**

See [www.collingswoodbookfestival.com](http://www.collingswoodbookfestival.com) for additional info on the Poetry Tent and Bookfest