



Hamilton Public Library's Teen Blackout Poetry Contest

Calling all poetry writers! Don't miss Hamilton Public Library's 1st Blackout Poetry Contest!

What is blackout poetry? Blackout poetry uses existing print (ie. newspapers, discarded books, magazines) to create a new poem by blacking-out words or images that are irrelevant.

Enter the Hamilton Public Library's Blackout poetry contest to celebrate National Poetry Month, and the Canada 150. Photocopy page 150 from your favourite book and use the words and phrase to create a new piece of poetry!

Submissions are being accepted starting April 1, 2017, and will close on April 30, 2017.

Contest Rules:

- Entrants must be between the ages of 12 and 18 years and be a resident of Hamilton.
- A maximum of 1 Blackout Poem per person.
- The page number (150) of the photocopy should be visible on the entry. Do not blackout this part of the page.
- Entries are to be submitted either in person at one of HPL's branches, or scanned and submitted online. In person entries must be submitted with a contest entry form.



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HPL Teen Blackout Poetry Contest 2017 - ENTRY FORM

***Please complete all sections of the entry form and print clearly.**

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ **Postal Code:** _____

Phone: _____ **Email:** _____

Age: _____

School: _____ **Grade complete in June:** _____

Completing this form gives the Hamilton Public Library your consent to:

- Collect your personal information, which will only be used by the Hamilton Public Library to communicate with you about the Blackout Poetry contest;
- Use you/your child's original written submission or photograph for publicity.*

**Publicity can include: print materials such as: posters, brochures, etc..., local and social media, in addition to online sites such as: hpl.ca.*

Title of Submission: _____

Title of Book photocopied/used for Blackout Poetry _____

Thank you for submitting your work to the Blackout Poetry Contest. Winners will be notified in May 2017.

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Date: _____ **Receiving Branch:** _____ **#** _____

STAFF: Please forward to Central Library – Children's Department