

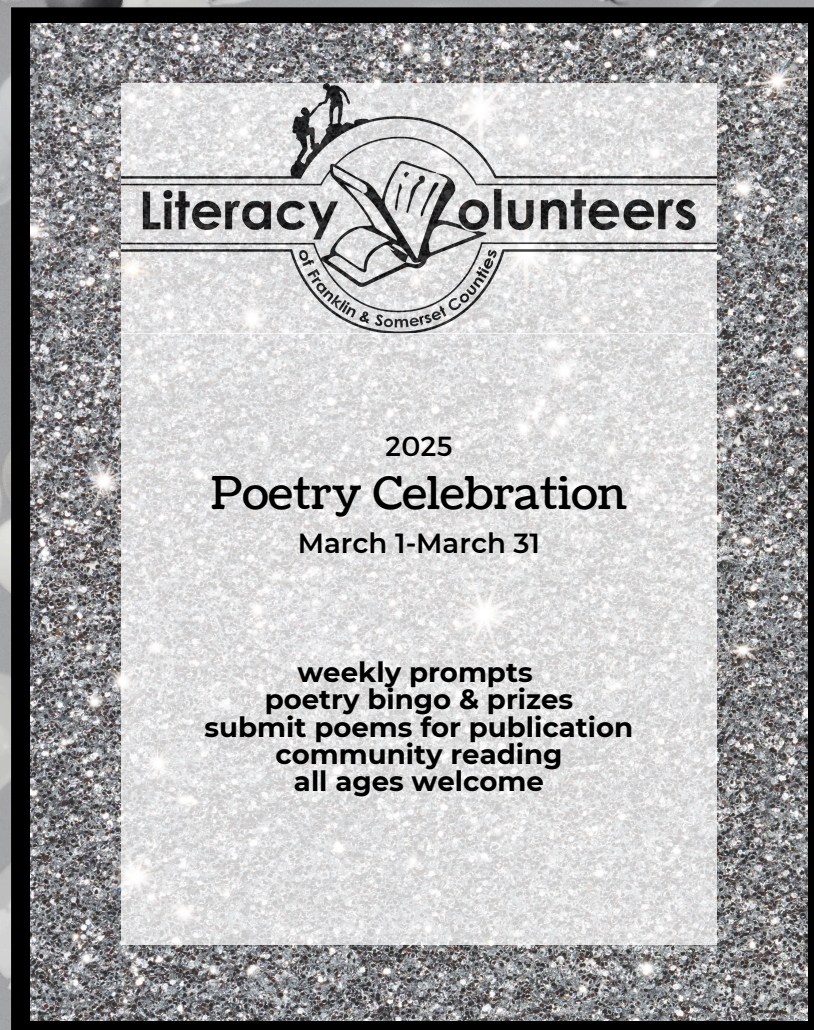


## 2025 Poetry Celebration Submission Guidelines

Please read the following information carefully before entering our contest and contact us if you have any questions. [literacyvolunteersfs@gmail.com](mailto:literacyvolunteersfs@gmail.com) or 207-500-3131

- The Poetry Celebration is open to residents of Franklin and Somerset Counties, Livermore, and Livermore Falls
- One original poem per person can be entered for publication
- Submissions will be accepted from March 1st to March 31st
- There are four submission categories:
  - Youth 11 and under
  - Youth 12-17
  - Adult 18+
  - Students of Literacy Volunteers
- Poems, including title and author, must be formatted to fit on one 8.5x11 sheet of paper with a minimum of .5 inch margins on all sides
- Poems can be submitted to [literacyvolunteersfs@gmail.com](mailto:literacyvolunteersfs@gmail.com)
  - Write POEM in the subject line of the email
  - In the body of the email include:
    - Your name
    - Email
    - Phone number
    - Mailing address
    - The category you are entering your poem in
    - The title of the poem as you would like it to appear in publication
    - Your name as you would like it to appear in publication (or Anonymous/Name Withheld)
    - Optional- a brief author bio (max 50 words)
  - Attach your poem as a PDF
- All poets are invited to read their work at a Community Poetry Reading on May 7th
- All submitted poems meeting the guidelines will be published in an anthology, on the Literacy Volunteers website, and in the press. Published poets will receive a copy of the anthology.

All entrants retain intellectual rights to their poems. Literacy Volunteers of Franklin and Somerset Counties (LVFSC) retains the right to publish (or not publish) any submitted poem in an anthology, its website, in social media, and in the press, as well as the poet's full name, age, and town where they live.





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Ada Limon is the current Poet Laureate of the United States. Her signature project is called “You Are Here”. “You Are Here” includes a poetry anthology, poetry installations in National Parks, and an invitation to the public:

**“We encourage everyone, everywhere — poets and non-poets to join us in our efforts to celebrate poetry & the natural world. We hope many will feel moved to write their own responses to the You Are Here prompt. It's simple: What would you write in response to the landscape around you?”**

For the month of March our learning community will be using prompts inspired by Ada Limon’s “You Are Here” project in weekly writing workshops.

All are welcome to join us in celebrating poetry!

We hope you will submit a poem for publication in our 2025 anthology and join us for a community poetry reading on May 7th.

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## **Weekly Prompts**

### **Week 1: You Are Here**

“Here” can mean a lot of things, where is “here” for you right now? Create a poem to share your response.

### **Week 2: Physical Landscapes**

Observe a landscape. Observe your response to the landscape. Create a poem to share your response.

### **Week 3: Situational Landscapes**

Imagine a situation as a landscape. What are the important features of the situation, and how the features interact with and affect each other. Create a poem to share your response.

### **Week 4: Multimodal Landscape Poetry**

Think about what “here” means to you. Make a drawing or collage that holds your ideas about the meaning of “here”. Create a poem to share your response to the meaning of “here”