



Literacy Volunteers

of Franklin & Somerset Counties

2026

Poetry Celebration

March 1-April 1

**weekly prompts
poetry bingo & prizes
submit poems for publication
community reading
all ages welcome**

for more information:
westernmaineliteracy.org/poetry
call or text 207-500-3131
literacyvolunteersfs@gmail.com

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Submission Guidelines

Please read the following information carefully before submitting a poem, and contact us if you have any questions. 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 submitted for publication
- Submissions will be accepted from March 1st to April 1st
- 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
 - 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 6th
- 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, on its website, on social media, and in the press, as well as the poet's full name, age, and town where they live.