



Sweet Reads Poetry Contest

The Books Along the Teche Literary Festival, The Iberia Parish Library, and *The Daily Iberian* are sponsoring the Sweet Reads Poetry Contest for children to celebrate the 2024 Books Along the Teche Literary Festival. Children in grade **four through grade six** may enter. The poem may be written on lined paper or typed and attached to this application.

Prizes will be awarded as follows for each contest:

- First Place- \$40 gift card, certificate
- Second Place- \$25 gift card, certificate
- Third Place- \$20 gift card, certificate
- Honorable Mention- \$ 15 gift card, certificate

Construct a poem about sweet experiences. Think of cooking or adorable moments in life. The poem will be judged on the following criteria– **originality, theme, creativity/style, and conventions of text.** Winning entries will be announced in ***The Daily Iberian.***

All names will be mentioned in the Daily Iberian. Students may drop off their entries any time prior to **Saturday, March 23, 2024**, at the Children’s Room of the Main branch of the Iberia Parish Library. Entries may be scanned and emailed to abernard@iberialibrary.org .

Guidelines:

1. All work must be original, limited to 30 lines or less.
2. Mention of popular figures or names (e.g. Disney characters, Spongebob and others) cannot be considered due to copyright restrictions. Must have Parent’s permission for publication.
3. Entrants must qualify by grade category.
4. Return unfolded entry form and poem to any location of the Iberia Parish Library, Main Branch, and Children’s Room or scanned and emailed to abernard@iberialibrary.org .
5. One entry per person. The decision of the judges is final.

Please fill in the following fields completely. This information is used to notify winners.

Your Name _____

Home Address _____

Your School: _____

Parent’s signature: _____

Age and Grade: _____

Home or cell Phone: _____