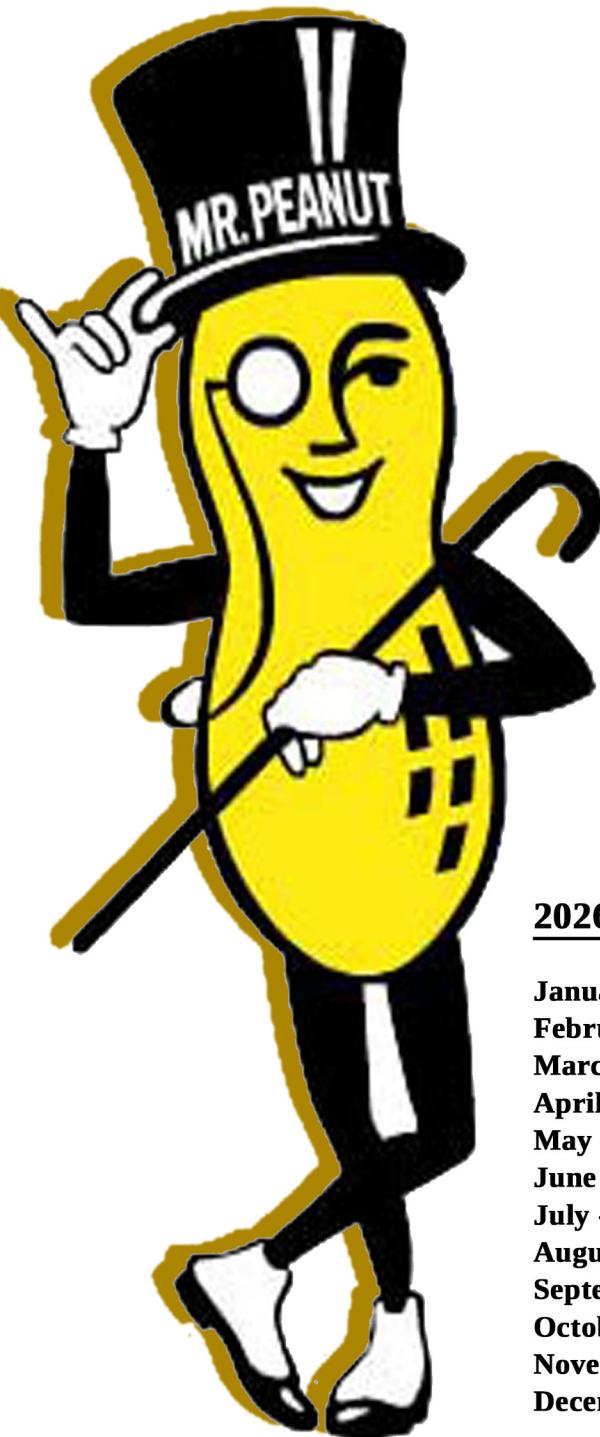




Poetry Is Life Publishing & The Peanut Shoppe presents

Poetry: Crackin' & Poppin' at The Peanut Shoppe 2026

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Purpose: Poetry: Crackin' & Poppin' at The Peanut Shoppe is a free monthly poetry/writing program designed to give young people, ages 5-17 the opportunity to showcase their poetic/writing talent, while encouraging the creative writing process through a collaboration with The Peanut Shoppe, a local business that is fun, family friendly, and that represents the uniqueness and positivity of the city and its communities.

Guidelines: The program is free and open to anyone ages 5-17 years old and held every month! Youth must write an original poem/story with the given theme for the month. All entries must have the theme and the author's first and last name, age. Seven youth will be chosen to receive prizes. There is a permission form that needs to be filled out and signed by a parent/guardian with completed contact info and emailed or mailed in. Poems/writings and permission forms need to be received by the 25th of each month. Prize winners will be contacted by email.

Prizes for the program: (1) small box of popcorn and (1) small bag of candy and peanuts. The chosen poems/writings will be displayed in the peanut shoppe and on poetryislifepublishing.com.

2026 Program Themes

January - What Is Your Favorite Snack? - Topic by Carolyn June-Jackson
February - What Does Compassion Look Like? - Topic by Mandy Hayden
March - How Does Your Family Influence You? - Topic by Akasha Gladman
April - Staying Safe On The Internet - Topic by Do It For James Foundation
May - What Is Your Favorite Book & Why? - Topic by Rolanda Pyle
June - One Thing You Love About Yourself & Why? - Topic by Ebony Hill
July - What Do You Want To Be & Why? - Topic by Jaleeya B.
August - What Builds/Destroys Self Esteem? - Topic by Tanisha Haynes
September - Does It Always Help To Tell The Truth? - Topic by Jason B.
October - Share A Fun Time With Family/Friends - Topic by Brandon M.
November - How Does Kindness Impact You & Others? - Topic by Jaylynay B.
December - What Advice Would You Give Adults About Being Young Today?
Topic by Jaden Vaughn





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Permission To Participate Form

I, _____, parent/guardian of _____ give permission for my child to participate in this poetry contest. I am aware that this involves giving my email address and phone number to be contacted in case my child is the winner of the contest. A signed permission form is required for poems to be considered for winners on the contest. An email will be sent to confirm permission. All rights belong to the author of the work.

I am also aware that the prizes are coming from The Peanut Shoppe and that ANY PRODUCT, may have come in contact with peanuts or any other tree nut, just from being in the shop.

Author's Name: _____ Age: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Phone Number: () _____ Email: _____

Allergy Disclaimer

This contest will feature prizes that are peanuts or tree nuts or around peanuts or tree nuts and may have come in contact with peanuts or tree nuts. Poetry Is Life Publishing and The Peanut Shoppe cannot be held liable for any issues the contest entrants may have due to consuming prizes from The Peanut Shoppe according to the prizes listed for the winners. Thank you.

Poems and permission forms need to be received by the last day of every month. Mail poems and permission forms to: Poetry Is Life Publishing, Poetry: Crackin' & Poppin' at The Peanut Shoppe, P.O. Box, 228, Akron, Ohio 44309. For more info, you can email Jason at poetryislifepublishing@gmail.com or call (330) 459-5529. Thank you to all the people who support The Peanut Shoppe and the great, necessary voice of poetry.

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