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Poetry Is Life Publishing & The Peanut Shoppe presents

Poetry: Crackin' & Poppin' at The Peanut Shoppe 2025



Purpose: Poetry: Crackin' & Poppin' at The Peanut Shoppe is a free monthly poetry program designed to give young people, ages 5-17 the opportunity to showcase their poetic 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 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 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 will be displayed on the website.

2025 Program Themes

January - **Your First Happiest Memory** - Topic by Jessica Weyer-Bentley

February - **I Love Myself Because...** - Topic by Sharetta Latrice

March - **My Favorite Season** - Topic by Tanisha Haynes

April - **Being A Kid Is...** - Topic by Shebah Bout Israel

May - **If I Ever Go To Outer Space, I Would...** Topic by Jason B.

June - **What Is Freedom?** - Topic by Jaleeya B.

July - **If You Had A Magic Door That You Could Take Anywhere,
Where Would You Go And Why?** - Topic by Matt Smith

August - My _____ **Is My Hero Because...** - Topic by Gary Shulman

September - **What's A Life Without Rules?** - Topic by Dray Evans

October - **I Feel Included When...** - Topic by Savy Overturf

November - **Advocating For Myself** - Topic by Alicia Hopkins

December - **How Can I Provide Relief To An Unpleasant Situation Or
Feeling (Assuage)** - Topic - J. Travis



For info on the permission form, contributors of topics and other creative poetry projects, visit www.poetryislifepublishing.com or email Jason at: poetryislifepublishing@gmail.com. Now! They Will Listen To Us!



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Permission To Participate Form

I, _____, parent/guardian of _____ give permission for my child to participate in this poetry program. I am aware that this involves giving my email address and phone number to be contacted in case my child's poem is chosen as a prize winner of the program. 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, The Peanut Shoppe, and contributors of the topics 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 25th of every month. Email poems and permission forms to: poetryislifepublishing@gmail.com or you can mail poems and permission forms to: Poetry Is Life Publishing, Poetry: Crackin' & Poppin' at The Peanut Shoppe, P.O. Box, 228, Akron, Ohio 44309. Thank you to all the people who support The Peanut Shoppe and the great, necessary voice of poetry.

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