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## **BEAVERTON CITY LIBRARY INVITES TEENS TO SUBMIT BALLADS TO POETRY CONTEST**

**BEAVERTON, Ore.** – In celebration of National Poetry Month in April, the Beaverton City Library and Beaverton Library Foundation are challenging teens grades 6 to 12 to write a ballad—a light, simple, often humorous poem.

Poems must focus on a story or event and be composed of ABAB rhyming lines. Contest guidelines and an entry form will be available on the library website at [www.BeavertonLibrary.org/Teens](http://www.BeavertonLibrary.org/Teens) on Friday, April 1. Entries can be submitted at the teen room of the main library or at the Murray Scholls branch. All poems are due Friday, April 22, by 6 p.m.

Prizes will be awarded for both middle school (grades 6 to 8) and high school (grades 9 to 12) divisions. First place receives \$100, second place \$50, and \$25 third place.

Winners will be announced at the Teen Poetry Coffeehouse on Thursday, May 5, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Parents, family, and teachers are welcome to stay for the announcement at 6 p.m. Only teens in grades 6 to 12 may be present for the poetry reading portion at 6:15 p.m. Winning entries will also be posted on the teen page of the library website on Friday, May 6.

For more information, contact Ian Duncanson, youth services librarian, at [iduncanson@BeavertonOregon.gov](mailto:iduncanson@BeavertonOregon.gov).

### **ABOUT THE LIBRARY**

The Beaverton City Library is the second-busiest library system in the state, with more than 780,000 patrons a year at its main location at 12375 SW Fifth Street and Murray Scholls branch at 11200 SW Murray Scholls Place.

For additional information regarding Beaverton City Library services, visit [www.BeavertonLibrary.org](http://www.BeavertonLibrary.org) or call 503-644-2197. The Beaverton City Library is one of fifteen libraries in Washington County Cooperative Library Services (WCCLS) that work communally to provide excellent countywide library service by sharing valuable resources and information with one another.

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