

THE THIRTIETH ANNUAL
EVANSTON PUBLIC LIBRARY
JO-ANNE HIRSHFIELD
MEMORIAL POETRY AWARDS
FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS AND ADULTS

The Board of Directors of the Evanston Public Library is pleased to announce an annual poetry competition funded by an endowment to the Library in memory of Jo-Anne Hirshfield. The Jo-Anne Hirshfield Memorial Poetry Awards competition is open to all high school students and adults in the Chicago area. Awards will be made in two categories: 1) High School Students, and 2) Adults. Prizes for the three winning entries will be: **First Prize: \$100; Second Prize: \$50; and Third Prize: \$25.**

Judge – Janice N. Harrington

Janice N. Harrington's book of poems, *Even the Hollow My Body Made Is Gone*, appeared in 2007 from BOA Editions, where it won the A. Poulin, Jr. Poetry Prize. The recipient of a 2007 National Endowment for the Arts Fellowship for Poetry, she is also the author of two children's books, *Going North* (2004) and *The Chicken Chasing Queen of Lamar County* (2007) from Farrar, Straus and Giroux. She teaches creative writing at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

1. Submit original, previously unpublished poems only.
2. **Two copies of each poem must be submitted on 8 ½ by 11-inch paper. In the upper right-hand corner of each page and only there the following must be printed: category of entry – adult or high school student, name, home address, and telephone number. High school students must include the name of their school.**
3. Poets may submit up to five poems.
4. Poets must reside in the greater Chicago area.
5. The author of any poem awarded a prize, monetary or material, in this contest grants the Evanston Public Library a royalty-free license to publish the work in a program or other official publication of the contest and on the Library's website.
6. Deadline (drop off or postmark) for entries: Friday, February 29, 2008.
7. All poems must be sent to: Jo-Anne Hirshfield Memorial Poetry Awards, c/o Evanston Public Library, 1703 Orrington Avenue, Evanston, IL 60201.
8. Prizes will be awarded at a program on Sunday, April 13, 2008, at 2:00 PM in the Evanston Public Library's Community Meeting Room. Winners will be notified in advance.
9. Evanston Public Library employees, Trustees, and members of their families or of the Hirshfield family are not eligible for this competition.

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