

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

The Board of Directors of the Evanston Public Library is pleased to announce an annual poetry competition for Evanston elementary and middle school students 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 students, kindergarten through the eighth grade, attending an Evanston elementary or middle school or residing in Evanston. Awards will be made in two categories: 1) kindergarten through fifth grade, and 2) sixth through eighth grade. 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 Submit original, previously unpublished poems only.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. Name, home address, and telephone number of the poet with the name of school attended and grade, must appear in the upper right-hand corner of each page, and ONLY THERE.**
3. Poets may submit up to five poems.
4. Poets must reside in Evanston or attend an Evanston school.
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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