

THE THIRTY-SECOND 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 – Bobbi Katz

Bobbi Katz is a poet, writer, and activist, and her poetry is widely anthologized. Her collection of poems about American history, *We the People*, was named an ALA *Booklist* Top Ten Poetry Pick. Katz fell in love with the sound of words as a young child growing up in New York's Hudson Valley. Jazz fueled her appetite for rhythm and the musical quality of language. In addition to her writing career, Katz has pursued many paths including social worker, fashion and book editor, and radio talk show host of *Art in Action*. An accomplished poet, Katz has conducted many poetry workshops for children, teachers, and librarians. Her most recent work is *The Monsterologist: A Memoir in Rhyme*. [www.bobbikatz.com](http://www.bobbikatz.com)

### Entry Rules

1. Poets may submit up to five (5) poems. Each poem must be the original, individual work of the entrant and must *not* be previously published anywhere, in any form.
2. Poets may submit entries in one of two ways:
  - a. **Hard copy submissions (delivered by hand or by mail to Jo-Anne Hirshfield Memorial Poetry Awards, c/o Evanston Public Library, 1703 Orrington Avenue, Evanston, IL 60201)**  
**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: name, home address, telephone number, school attended and grade.**
  - b. **Email submissions to: [poetryawards@epl.org](mailto:poetryawards@epl.org)**  
**One email will be accepted per poet. All poems must be sent as .pdf or .doc attachments (i.e. not in the text/body of the email). Email entries cannot exceed a total of 7MB. In the upper right-hand corner of each attachment's document page and only there the following must be printed: name, home address, telephone number, school attended and grade.**
3. Poets must reside in Evanston or attend an Evanston school. All winning poets' addresses will be verified.
4. 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. Entrants retain copyright of their original work.
5. Deadline (email, drop off or postmark) for entries: Friday, March 5, 2010.
6. Prizes will be awarded at a program on Sunday, April 25, 2010, at 2:00 PM in the Evanston Public Library's Community Meeting Room. Winners will be notified in advance.
7. 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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