



Poetry Awards Ceremony

Mary C. Jenkins Community & Cultural Center

Saturday, May 16, 2026
4:00 PM

Thank You Judges!

Yesica Miranda, Sheila Mooney

2026 Poetry Contest Sponsors:

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Mary C. Jenkins Community & Cultural Center Mission:

To promote a healthy, livable community with opportunities for educational, personal, and cultural enrichment.

Poetry Contest 2026 Awards

Welcome & Contest Inspiration – Elizabeth Pell

Poetry Readings & Awards

Adult

Winner – Michael Dexter-Smith, *untitled*

Honorable Mention – Jennifer Kelly, *Freedom, a Proof*

High School (9 - 12th grade)

Winner – Maite Hernandez Bahena, *Freedom-What it Means to You*

Honorable Mention – Cora Manner, *skin*

Middle School (6 - 8th grade)

Winner – Austin Peffley, *They Say Freedom?*

Honorable Mention - Veronica Merrill, *What Freedom Means to Me*

Elementary School (Pre-K – 5th grade)

Winner – Theo Stoup, *Freedom*

Honorable Mention – Elizabeth Morgan, *Enjoy the Differences*

Poet Group Photograph