

Pine Tree Poetry

Sparking great poetry writing by student writers for their peers



ATTENTION LIBRARIAN: Earn a \$300 or \$50 Award!

Dear School Librarian,

April is National Poetry Month and we think it's the perfect time for students and teachers to get energized about writing poetry! Pine Tree Poetry wants to encourage imaginative, creative writing in your school by providing real recognition to your best writers for their writing accomplishments, whether they're 5 or 18 years old.

We're writing to you because we know school librarians are often the cheerleaders for student writers, and you're well-connected with all of the teachers in your school. We believe you will find our competition to be motivational for your students and supportive of your teachers, and we're asking you to share this information with them.

We're accepting poetry submissions from schools until May 15, 2010. We'll be reading these poems over the summer and choosing the best ones for publication in our **Pine Tree Poetry 2010 Collection** which will be published in January 2011. Not only will the best student writers of all ages receive the recognition they deserve, but the twenty-five schools that submit the most poems will be awarded a **\$300 check** that may be used for much-needed library materials. In response to your requests for a program that allows smaller schools to participate, we will also be randomly selecting **fifty more** schools to each earn **\$50 awards**. To qualify, send in poems from at least ten of your students. Each participating school will also receive a free copy of the **Pine Tree Poetry 2010 Collection** for their library. To join in the excitement, just gather one poem from each participating student, include the [School Submission Form](#) on the back of this letter, and send them in to us. Simple! By the way, last year some schools won with relatively few submissions, so **GO FOR IT!**

Since students and their parents are often inundated with vanity press publications whose primary goal is to sell books, we think it's important for you to know that we don't publish everything we receive. If students want to buy a copy of the **Pine Tree Poetry Collection**, great, but poems are chosen because they deserve to be published, regardless of whether a book is ordered.

Thank you for spreading the word about Pine Tree Poetry, and please encourage everyone to visit us online at www.pinetreepoetry.com for more details. We look forward to reading your students' poems this summer—and we're anxious to find out who this year's winners will be!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jane Thomas".

Jane Thomas, Editor

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