

# Poetry competition guidelines and conditions of entry

- The theme of the competition is 'Food for thought', and the poetic form is haiku. Poets are invited to freely interpret this theme. Haiku poems could be about food in any aspect, or about a 'meaty' issue.
- This competition is free and open to all users of the Kāpiti Coast District Libraries.
- Employees of Kāpiti Coast District Libraries are not eligible to enter.
- Each haiku should be authored by a single person.
- Each haiku must be an original work, unpublished and not already accepted for publication.
- Copyright of haiku submitted will remain with the author, but Kāpiti Coast District Libraries reserve the right to publish any entry in an e-book, print or on the library website and Facebook page.
- Each person entering the competition can submit up to 3 haiku entries. If you are submitting 3 haiku please put all your haiku on the same submission form.
- Haiku poems should not exceed 3 lines and a title is optional.
- The competition opens on 1 June 2018 and closes at 5pm on 30 June 2018.
- Entries are submitted online through the Kāpiti Coast District Libraries website. Handwritten entries will not be accepted.
- All submitters will receive confirmation of receipt of their entries by email. The parent/guardian of children who enter will receive an email notification that their child has entered the competition.
- Once entered, poems cannot be withdrawn from the competition.
- Alterations cannot be made to poems once entered.
- Entries will not be returned.
- Haiku poems must not contain offensive or derogatory language.
- A panel of judges will determine the winners based on theme, creativity, clarity, style, form and meaning.
- All entries will be judged anonymously. The entrant's name must not appear on the haiku itself.
- The judges' decision will be final and no correspondence will be entered into.
- Prizes will be awarded to the top three entries in the following categories: children aged 6-12 years; teens aged 13-18 years; adults aged 19+ years.
- Entries into the competition can be in English or Te Reo Māori.
- Winners will be announced on Friday 24 August at the Open Mic Night noted below.
- The submission of your haiku will be taken as indicating acceptance of the above conditions.

# Open Mic Night

Join us to celebrate **National Poetry Day** on Friday 24 August 2018 at Paraparaumu Library from 5.30 – 6.30pm.

We will mark the day with an open mic session, where anyone is welcome to read their poems to a live audience, and hear poems read aloud from other writers.

This will be followed by an announcement of the poetry competition prize winners, and presentation of prizes. The winning poems will be read aloud also.