

44th ANNUAL POETRY CONTEST

Award Ceremony

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Children's Services Division

Silas Bronson Library

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AWARDS CEREMONY
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JUDGES

Bilal Tajildeen

Bilal Tajildeen joined Connecticut Community Foundation in 2017 as a program coordinator and oversees youth programming and grassroots initiatives as well as assists in the Foundation's community leadership efforts. His duties include grant making, facilitating community conversations, and working with Waterbury, CT residents on developing their grassroots projects. He serves on the community council of Waterbury Bridge to Success, a city-wide cradle to career and collective impact collaborative as well as on the executive committee of CT Equality, a statewide LGBTQ advocacy group. He is currently working on an English master's degree from Central Connecticut State University.

Angela R. Holmes, D.Ed.

Angela Holmes is a lifelong resident of Waterbury. Angela has two beautiful daughters. She is an active member of and part of the ministerial team at Walk in Righteous Living Ministries Inc. in Waterbury under the leadership of Apostle Doris Brown. Angela is the Director of the Youth Pipeline and Community Outreach Coordinator at Waterbury Hospital. She earned her Doctorate Degree in Educational Leadership. She spends much of her time serving on various committees throughout our community and at the state level. She greatly enjoys empowering and advocating for parents and families in education and encourages them to use their voices to help make civic changes into policies and law.

She is the newly elected Vice President of Inclusivity and Outreach for the National Parent Teacher Association (PTA), member of the Board of Directors for Waterbury Hospital Auxiliary, Inc., a Bridge of Success Council member, and Chairperson for the Family Engagement Network, a member of the Waterbury Board of Education Parent Ad-Hoc Committee, and a member of the School Readiness Council, to name just a few of her many involvements. She absolutely loves being a Judge for the Silas Bronson Library Poetry Contest

Music Guests

Bravo Waterbury!

The mission of Bravo Waterbury! Is to use music as a vehicle to provide Waterbury children with mentoring, encouragement and vision for a promising future.

Bravo is an after-school program devoted to music education and appreciation, academics, citizenship, community and family engagement, and health. We aim to continue to develop the role of the program as an accessible community resource of the Waterbury Symphony Orchestra. Ms. Teresa Campbell is the Artistic director and Ms. Cathy Ciresi is the Administrative Director

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The Friends of the Silas Bronson Library



Special Guest Musicians at the Award Ceremony

Bravo Waterbury!

Strings

Music Director: Teresa Campbell



Bravo Waterbury!
Playing Music, Building Futures



Bravo Waterbury is a subsidiary of the Waterbury Symphony Orchestra

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Themes by Grade

1st My Favorite Animal

2nd It's Spring!

3rd Dinosaurs

4th Scary Things

5th My Favorite Invention

6th Finding Treasure

7th If I Were a Superhero

8th If I Could Change the World

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FIRST PRIZE WINNERS

Grade

- | | |
|----------|--------------------------------|
| 1 | Parker Brousseau |
| 2 | Myriam Bylykbashi |
| 3 | Adrianna Urena |
| 4 | Zachary Goetz |
| 5 | Justine DiPasquale |
| 6 | Carlos Jayden Hernandez |
| 7 | Maria Codianni |
| 8 | Paris Austin |

All poems appear as they were received

Carrot Time

Nibble nibble crunch crunch

Carrot time! Munch Munch

Fluffy, soft, fast and cute

I eat and drink and then I poop!

Parker Brousseau

Grade 1

Spring

*Spring is sunny, bees are
flying , bunnys are hopping,
small flowers are growing
big flowers are growing
birds are singing while
our ears are listening, while
squirrels are climbing, you
see the color green, while
you lean on the trees.*

Myriam Bylykbashi

Grade 2

Dinosaurs

Dinosaurs, Dinosaurs, big and small

Dinosaurs come in all sizes short and tall

Some fly and some walk

Some weak and also strong

The dinosaurs tall as trees dinosaurs' brains like peas

*Jaws and arms, teeth and bones they like to growl grow and
moan*

They like to walk they like to swim

They like to fly with a toothy grin

Some eat plants, and some eat meat

Some walked around on just two feet

RRRRRRRRROOOOOOAAAARRRRRRRRRRRR

Adrianna Urena

Grade 3

It's always there...

*It's always watching,
It is lurking in the dark
It's so ominous*

Zachary Goetz

Grade 4

Communication for the World

*My favorite invention is the telephone,
You can talk to your friends while being alone.
Or take a nice stroll around the park,
During the sunny day or the nighttimes dark
You can have a few people huddle around
Or talk one on one without anybody else hearing a sound
Alexander Graham Bell was a wise and smart man
He didn't realize his invention could get any better but it can
He died from old age but his fame went on
After that people didn't care because the original invention was long
gone
To this day people will chat for hours
Or play music on their phones while they take their showers
Soon enough the future will come and the technology of the phone
will have served its' time of communication for the world*

Justine DiPasquale

Grade 5

Treasure

The

Rediscovery of

Extraordinary things

Apples

Sugar

Unname it

Rediscovery is

Extraordinary

Carlos Jayden Hernandez

Grade 6

If I were a superhero

If I were a superhero, I wouldn't have flight,
I wouldn't have supervision at night.
I wouldn't be invisible or see through,
I wouldn't have robot powers like R2D2,
I wouldn't be able to have laser eyes,
I would only be in disguise,
I wouldn't have super speed like the flash,
I wouldn't be able to cure a rash,
Or race a dash,
Or calm a splash,
Or grow a mustache,
Or get over whiplash,
Or trim an eyelash,
Or collect a stash,
But what I can do,
By sitting on the couch,
I will somehow help you,
Not to say ouch.

Maria Codianni

Grade 7

What We Really Need

Let the world not be mean

Let the world not be cold

Yet that won't happen

Because the world cannot be sold

What we really need

Is for people not to be cruel

And for animals to stay alive

Because new stories to be told

What we really need

Is for racism to go

For bisexuals, gays, and transgenders

To live as a whole

What we need is good paying jobs

And for everyone to get a degree

And for teachers to be paid

The same as people who do surgery

What we really need

Is for presidents to know

The war should not go on

And that the world could not be sold

What we really need

Is for school shootings to stop

For people to be smart

So us kids can get a job

Yet sadly in life

People will never understand

What it takes to make a boy become— man.

Paris Austin

Grade 8

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HONORABLE MENTION

Grade

- 1 Amarylis Robles**
- 2 Yossi Kolodny**
- 3 Delia Otero**
- 4 Denyce Lawrence**
- 5 Sydnie Smith**
- 6 Ryan Abousada**
- 7 Lia Kelly**
- 8 PatriciaLynn Hassinger**

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What am I?

Sometimes I'm fluffy!

Sometimes I'm sneaking!

Sometimes I'm spooky!

Sometimes I'm happy!

Sometimes I'm jumpy

Sometimes you can't see me

And!!!

Sometimes I'll nap in your bed!!!

And!!!Sometimes in

Halloween you see me the most!

What am I???

Amarylis Robles

Grade 1

*Spring is full of fun,
We get to play in the sun.
You can play with balls,
And catch it when it falls.
We like to get wet,
And play on the swing set.
We go on trips out doors,
And water pours,*

*Yossi Kolodny
Grade 2*

People Say

People say a dinosaur's brain is the size of a peanut,

But I don't think so

I want to say something, but they will say no.

They have a big size.

But not up to the skies

But I guess I'll go with the flow

Delia Otero

Grade 3

Scary Things

*As I woke up in the night,
I hear the sound of a flickering light.
So I get up to see who it is,
And trust me you won't believe this!
There was no one there!
So I make my way back upstairs.
As the wind blows through my hair.
Then I hear a strange sound,
Is it coming from underground?
So I go to check who's there.
Then I see a strange ghost figure start to appear.
And there's only one thing he sees to say...
BOO! Get out of my way!*

Denyce Lawrence

Grade 4

The Book

*If you go to the library
What do you see?
Do you maybe see a story about a bee?
When you go to get that story
Is it soft, hard, or maybe both?
Is it boring, fun or again both?
What is the story about?
Maybe a sloth or,
A magical cloth?
Is it Non-Fiction or Fiction?
If you don't know, make a prediction.
When I open it up to a fresh new story
It smells just like my Great-Aunt Lory.
Did you see words and/or pictures?
Well that was done by the author and/or Illustrators.
They give you information that the computer might not.
The computer might be wrong while your searching up "The Dot."
Now you have learned about my favorite invention.
I now inspire you to use your own imagination,
And that your holding and taking a look,
Is my favorite invention:*

The Book

*Sydney Smith
Grade 5*

Where did my ps4 go

There once was a ps4 named Alberito he loved to snore,

One day he ran out of the door,

He went to Mcdonalds and ate some more.

Then his storage was full and he died,

And I cried in bed for the rest of my life.

*At my funeral a paper flew down and I rose from the dead but no one
jumped up and down.*

I grabbed the paper and ran to the x, then I opened a treasure chest.

It was Alberito but he changed his name to Alberitos

Ryan Abousada

Grade 6

Here I am stopping criminals
All around the world
Flying everywhere my days are never dull
I jump and spring and swirl
Saving millions of lives
From houses and cars
From way up in the sky I leap down and dive
Swooping down to make sure they don't get any scars
That's who I am
I'm a zooming life-saving superhero
Helping people who've gotten into a jam
Saving babies crying for help
To dogs that give a loud yelp

Lia Kelly

Grade 7

Family
Ideal world
Nurture the young
Do more to help

Tell the truth
Rewrite history
Undo the wrong
Expect the unexpected

Be kind no matter what
Eternal happiness
A reason for being
Unity
Together forever
Youth

Ignite passion
No one is alone

Love everybody
Inspire to do better
Family
End world hunger

Amazing you
Never give up on anyone
Dazzling

Light at the end of the tunnel
Open up your heart
Vibrant personality
Everyone is important

Patricialynn Hassinger
Grade 8

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