

# 45th ANNUAL POETRY CONTEST

Award Ceremony

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**Children's Services Division**

**Silas Bronson Library**

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**SILAS BRONSON LIBRARY  
44TH ANNUAL POETRY CONTEST  
AWARDS CEREMONY  
SEPTEMBER 10, 2020**

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**JUDGES**

**Bilal Tajildeen**

Bilal Tajildeen 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.

**Dr. Angela R. Holmes, D.Ed.**

Angela Holmes is a lifelong resident of Waterbury, she is an educator, mother of two beautiful daughters, and parent advocate in the Brass City. Along with her daughter, Dr. Holmes is the co-founder of the nonprofit, Works of Faith, Inc that operated in Waterbury Opportunities Industrialization Center (WOIC) on 7-79 Bishop Street in Waterbury, Connecticut. Works of Faith Inc is a community-based non-profit focused on educating our youth, strengthening families and individuals, empowering parents in leadership and outreach to people in need. She is a returning judge this year, and is honored to be part of this year's as well.

**Judy York**

Judy York has a BS in Elementary Education from Southern CT State University and a MS in Curriculum and Supervision from Central CT State University. She also completed the ARC program to be certified as a Library Media Specialist. She taught a variety of grades and subjects throughout her 40 year career. Her last two years of teaching were spent at Jonathan Reed Elementary School, right here in Waterbury, as their Library Media Specialist. She is now happily retired and living with her husband and her two cats in South Carolina.

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## From the Librarian's Desk

Anne Zadora

From the bottom of my heart, to each student, parent, school staff member, and judge who participated in this year's poetry contest, thank you. Your support, participation and enthusiasm are what make this contest a joy to put together each year.

And what a year 2020 has been! It is impossible to look at anything and not mention the impact of COVID-19 on every aspect of our lives. I was hopeful that it wouldn't interfere with the first stages of the poetry contest, namely the submissions stages, but alas. It did. And, still teachers and parents alike rose to the challenge and ensured that their students' submissions were counted.

Change has come to the way the poetry contest winners have to be celebrated, instead of getting together in the library, we're getting together at home to celebrate the creativity of our city's rising stars from the comfort and safety of distance. I hope each of you enjoy reading the poems as much as the judges and I have.

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**45TH ANNUAL POETRY CONTEST**

**Themes by Grade**

**Grades K-3**

- 1.) *Animals*
- 2.) *My favorite Thing*
- 3.) *Who are your Superheroes?*

**Grades 4-6**

- 1.) *Spooky, Scary Things*
- 2.) *My Mad Scientist Invention*
- 3.) *What's Your Ideal World?*

**Grades 7-8**

- 1.) *Make a Haiku*
- 2.) *Social Media - Hero or Zero?*
- 3.) *What Empowers you to be Fierce?*

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**FIRST PRIZE WINNERS**

**Grade**

- |          |   |
|----------|---|
| <b>1</b> | <b>My Cat - Margarita Madore</b>                      |
| <b>2</b> | <b>Cows Haiku - Shua Kleinkaufman</b>                 |
| <b>4</b> | <b>My Delicious World - Benjamin Bader</b>            |
| <b>6</b> | <b>If I ruled the world one day - Adriana Brammer</b> |
| <b>7</b> | <b>Lion Cub - Nico Torres</b>                         |
| <b>8</b> | <b>Wish - Alexandra Mendoza</b>                       |

**\*All poems appear as they were received\***

## My Cat

My cats name is Mya  
She is grey white and black  
She has stripes like a tiger  
And, she is a great climber  
My cat has white paws and  
Very sharp claws  
When I take her picture she loves to pose  
Then she gives me a kiss on my nose  
I love my cat and she is all that.

Margarita Madore

*Grade 1*

*Cows Haiku*

*Cows sound super weird*

*Cows are very annoying*

*Cows are very fat*

*Shua Kleinkaufman*

*Grade 2*



# MY DELICIOUS WORLD

I wish the walls were made of cheese,

My bed was made of candies.

I wish my little sister Hannah

Was actually a banana.

I wish my sister Ella was made of mozzarella,

My brother Jake—a seven layer cake.

All this food may seem crude.

Oops... mistake! Now I've got a bellyache!!!

*Benjamin Bader*

*Grade 4*

*If I ruled the world one day*

*If I ruled the world one day,  
Everything would go my way.  
I would do anything, and no one would care  
I would have everything I want, and life would be fair  
Even the ones who I care about,  
Would get what they want without a doubt  
There would be flying cars, theme parks and kid cars.  
Shops will be filled with game card, computers and candy bars.  
My ideal world is perfect, as you can see.  
It would make it even better if everything was free.  
Everyone would be happy, and no one would be bullied  
No school and no rules, and all laws will cease.  
But something better that my world should have is world  
peace.*

*Adriana Brammer*

*Grade 6*

*Lion Cub*

*The cub so quiet,  
Ready to capture its prey  
In the grass so high*

*Nico Torres  
Grade 7*

## *Wish*

*Watching as bees buzz  
Play with dandelion fuzz,  
Blow and make a wish*

*Alexandra Mendoza*

*Grade 8*

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**HONORABLE MENTION**

**Grade**

- 2    What a Hero Looks like - Amarylis Robles-Davila**
- 4    Pego & My Lego Life - Yoni Paley**
- 6    Scary Things - Myles Hayes**
- 7    Rain - Emmanuel Espinosa**
- 8    Cherry Blossoms - Lia Kelly**

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*What a Hero Looks Like!*

*Sometimes hero look like!  
Firefighters that stops fires!  
Sometimes they look like police officers  
That stops crime!*

*Sometimes they look like  
Doctors and nurses that save lives!*

*Sometimes he looks like mine!*

*He mekes parts for  
Firefighters, police officers and doctors!*

*He even made Me!  
My hero!*

*My Dad!*

*Amarylis Robles-Davila  
Grade 2*

*Pego and My Lego Life*

*Lego Eggo I could build  
The holes that I've filled*

*The colors that I use  
I don't really lose*

*What I create  
Is what I make*

*My robot, my assistant is so very kind  
Because he is mine*

*I programmed him that way  
So he can play*

*I built him out of Lego  
Because his name is Pego*

*Plus he helps me when I plot a lot  
Lego Eggo and my robot Pego*

*Yoni Paley*

*Grade 4*

*Scary things  
Clowns used to be a funny sight  
But now they give me a terrible fright  
Movies have ruined their reputation  
Now they are a scary sensation  
Being up high scares me  
When I'm there, fright freezes me.  
Nightmares haunt me in my sleep  
This is scary, "Go away creep!"*

*Myles Hayes  
Grade 6*



## *Rain*

*Drops fall from the sky.*

*Pitter-Patter on my roof*

*Puddles in the Street*

*Emmanuel Espinosa*

*Grade 7*

*Cherry Blossoms*

*Cherry Blossom Trees  
Swaying in the summer breeze  
Silent petals fall*

*Lia Kelly  
Grade 8*

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