

Blanchet Poetry Contest Rules

1. The Blanchet poetry contest is open to poets and writers of all ages, with categories for grades K—3, 4—6, 7—8, 9—12, and adults.
2. Submissions will be accepted **March 1 — March 31, 2018**. A winner will be chosen in each of the categories on **April 14, 2018**. The selected poems will be on display in the Mystic & Noank Library.
3. Poems entered must be author's original work and may not be copied from any book or other source.
4. The **author's name, address, and phone number** should appear on the submission, and students should add a grade level.
5. Participants may submit up to three original poems.
6. Poems should be printed neatly or typed. Entries are published as submitted.
7. Poems may be entered into the contest by email to events@mysticnoanklibrary.org, mailed to the Library or submitted in person at our circulation desk.
8. Submissions will not be returned. Authors retain all copyrights to their work.
9. If you are under the age of 18, be sure your parent(s) or guardian is aware of your entering this contest and is in agreement with all of these rules.
10. Have fun! Be creative. Enjoy the process ☺

Who was Jean K. Blanchet?

In April 2016, the Mystic & Noank Library Trustees were notified that the Library would be the recipient of a bequest from the estate of Jean Kennedy Blanchet, a long-time resident of Old Mystic. Ms. Blanchet had been a quiet yet loyal patron of the M&NL who had been predeceased by both her husband and her two sons. It is our hope that hosting a community-wide poetry contest will serve as a fitting annual tribute to Jean's memory and the legacy of her generosity.