

2025 Bay County Poetry Contest

Calling All Bay County, SVSU, and Delta College Poets!

The local library is where you come to read others' writing, but we want to read your writing too! So, send us your most inspired poems for the theme **"Great Lakes & Waterways."** Poems must include a reference to water or the Great Lakes, although this does not need to be the main focus of the poem. Cash prizes will be awarded (1st prize: \$250, 2nd: \$150, 3rd: \$100!). Winners will be announced in the spring, and winners' work may be published in online or print venues. Entries will be judged by SVSU staff and volunteers. You must be at least 16 years old to participate.

Submission Deadline: December 1, 2025

Rules and Guidelines

- You must be at least 16 years old.
- You must live, work, or attend school in Bay County OR be a student at SVSU or Delta College.
- Submit up to two poems per person.
- Submit poems in an MS Word or RTF file. (No Google Docs or PDFs, please!)
- Individual poems should be no more than one page long, single-spaced, and in 12-pt. font. Be sure to title your poems!
- All poems must be your own creative work. No AI-creations!

Submission: Use this [Google Form](https://forms.gle/teY4N9MtqBGQ1j7g7) to submit your poem(s). Make sure to fill out all of the required information. (Google Form link: <https://forms.gle/teY4N9MtqBGQ1j7g7>)

For more information, contact the Bay County Library System at kfreeman@baycountylibrary.org.

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