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Poetry and Short Prose Contest Guidelines

This contest is jointly sponsored by the Friends of the Library of The University of North Carolina at Pembroke and the Kiwanis of Robeson-Lumberton, with the latter organization generously providing the funding for the prizes for the high school students.

1. The entries must be 500 words or less and must be typed. All words, excluding the title, will count toward the total. **Any entry exceeding the limit will be eliminated.** Any incomplete entry form will result in the elimination of the accompanying entry.
2. The entries must be original and unpublished.
3. One entry per person will be accepted and an entry form must accompany the entry.
4. All entries will be blind-judged, so only the title will appear on the submission. The judges' decisions will be final. **Any copies of the poetry/prose with the author's name on the piece will be eliminated.** The author's name should appear on the entry form only.
5. There are three categories:
 - UNCP students,
 - Area high school students,
 - General public, must be 18 years of age or older.
6. Cash prizes will be awarded in each category:
 - \$250 for first place,
 - \$150 for second place,
 - \$100 for third place.
7. Each writer of an award winning entry will be invited to read the piece at a program during National Library Week. The award winning entries may be published in *Library Lines*. **Submission of any entry grants permission to publish the entry in the newsletter.**
8. Deadline for submission of the entry with an application is February 28, 2011. Any entries postmarked after this date will not be accepted.
9. For return of any entries, please include a self-addressed, stamped envelope.
10. Send entries to:
 - Jean Sexton
 - Poetry/Short Prose Contest Coordinator
 - The University of North Carolina at Pembroke
 - Mary Livermore Library
 - P.O. Box 1510
 - Pembroke, NC 28372-1510

Application for Poetry and Short Prose Contest

Deadline: February 28, 2011

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____

Zip code: _____

E-mail (optional): _____

Home phone: _____

Entry category (please check one):

- UNCP student
- Area high school student

Name, county, and phone number of high school:

- General public

Title of entry: _____

Signature granting publication rights. **If a student under 18, signature of parent or guardian.**

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Date postmarked: _____

Number of words: _____

Number of entry: _____
(comprised of category A-C and number)

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