



# HOPEWELL PUBLIC LIBRARY

## Guidelines for Poetry Submissions

Hopewell Public Library is delighted to extend a request to all patrons and members of the community for poetry submissions as part of our upcoming Poetry in the Park event. The event will be taking place on **April 27th from 1 PM until 3 PM in the Gazebo Park in Hopewell**, and we would like to share the poetry created by our community. The theme of the event is “*Celebrating native plants through art and science*”. Several poems will be selected from the submissions to be presented and included at the event itself, and more will be included on the library website.

Submissions may be made through physical copies delivered to the Library or by emailing them to Phoenix Nutter at [pnutter@redlibrary.org](mailto:pnutter@redlibrary.org).

**The deadline for submissions is 11:59 PM on Monday, April 22.** Poems received after the deadline may be included on the website, but will not be eligible to be presented at the event.

Poems may be in any style (haiku, sonnets, metered verse, free verse, etc.), but may not exceed 30 lines or 1 page of paper.

Poets of all ages and abilities are highly encouraged to send in poems! No level of experience is required. Poets may submit multiple poems.

Poems should be about, inspired by, or clearly related to the native plants of New Jersey, especially the Hopewell Valley. A list of some of these species will be linked on the website. Poems that are not related to this topic will not be presented at the event.

Poems received by the deadline will be reviewed by the library staff. The staff will ultimately choose poems to be presented at the event based on creativity, adherence to the topic of native plants, poetic style, and originality.

Any poem that is submitted that the library staff deems inappropriate or offensive will not be published in any form. The library has absolute discretion in this matter.

By submitting a poem for consideration, the author agrees that the library may share the poem on the library website and/or at the event.