

**JEFFERSON-MADISON
REGIONAL LIBRARY**

presents

**Teen
Spoken Word
Contest**



**Celebrate the Big Read With an
original poem! Finalists perform at
NorthSide Library on Monday,
March 29 From 6:30-8:30 PM.**

**Hosted by Ebony Walden of
WordSmith Poetry.**

Enter at any branch from February 1 to 28, 2010.

TEEN SPOKEN WORD CONTEST GUIDELINES

WHAT DO I DO?

- ☆ Submit ONE poem, suitable for public performance, that you have written to any branch of the Jefferson-Madison Regional Library between FEBRUARY 1 and FEBRUARY 28, 2010. If using the Central Library, please submit it to the Children's Department. All submissions are due by **Sunday, February 28**.
- ☆ Poems should focus on themes expressed in *A Lesson before Dying* such as community, justice or injustice, family, etc.
- ☆ No profanity. Content matter may not exceed a PG-13 rating (no excessive violence, sexually explicit content and /or language degrading to any group of people).
- ☆ No poem may exceed three minutes in length.
- ☆ Each participant must write and perform original writing.
- ☆ The contest is open to **ages 11-18**. If you will turn 11 by February 28, 2010, you are eligible.

HOW WILL THE WINNERS BE CHOSEN?

A small judges' panel will review the entries.

WHAT HAPPENS IF I WIN?

At least ten finalists will be selected to perform their work at a live event before a panel of judges at the Northside Library on Monday, March 29 from 6:30-8:30 pm. Prizes will be awarded to the top finishers.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THOSE SELECTED TO PERFORM

- ☆ We encourage you to memorize the poem you will compete with, though it is not required.
- ☆ Props, costumes, and/or musical accompaniment may not be used while performing.
- ☆ Performances will be judged on both written and performance qualities. Keep this in mind when preparing.
- ☆ Rehearse! Be certain that you speak audible and understandable.
- ☆ Be respectful of yourself and the youth writing community.

Questions? Call Sarah at (434) 973-7893.

PLEASE FILL OUT THIS FORM AND ATTACH IT TO THE BACK OF YOUR ENTRY!

NAME _____ AGE (as of 2/28/2010) _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE # _____ SCHOOL _____