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### ***Press Release***

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**WHAT: Annual Poetry Contest**

**WHEN:** April 1 – 30, 2016

**WHERE:** Online at [www.fresnolibrarypoetry.org](http://www.fresnolibrarypoetry.org)

**DETAILS:** In celebration of National Poetry Month, the Library's **16th Annual Poetry Contest** kicks off April 1 and runs through the 30<sup>th</sup>. All poets are invited to submit their poems at [www.fresnolibrarypoetry.org](http://www.fresnolibrarypoetry.org). Prizes are awarded for first, second and third place in four age categories. The four categories are 3<sup>rd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> grade, 7<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade, 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade and adults 18 years or older. The Library will host an awards ceremony to name all winners on Sunday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm at the Betty Rodriguez Regional Library. Fresno Poet Laureate, Lee Herrick will also be in attendance.

“Last year we received over 200 entries, and we are hopeful that number will grow this year. The dedication and participation of the community is what makes this event possible” said County Librarian, Laurel Prysiazny.

For more information, please contact the Library (559) 600-READ (7323) or visit our website at [www.fresnolibrary.org](http://www.fresnolibrary.org).

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