

The Indianapolis Public Library African-American History Committee
in Support of the Center for Black Literature & Culture Presents:

Fall Fest 2024

SLAMMIN' RHYMES

CHALLENGE XVIII



A contest for all **poets, rappers, and spoken word artists** in grades 6-12.
Write your inspiring thoughts on this year's theme "**Courage.**"

- **Entry Deadline: Thursday, October 31, 2024**
- Entry form and rules on reverse side
- All entries receive a gift card
- Ten selectees will read their entry at Fall Fest

Fall Fest 2024

Saturday, November 16

12 - 4 p.m.

Central Library | 40 E. St. Clair Street

Special Guest: **Yolanda Renee King**

The family-friendly festival will include a dynamic speech from 15 year-old author and activist, Yolanda Renee King, the only grandchild of the late Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and Coretta Scott King. Her new book "We Dream A World" is a call for unity and equality and is inspired by Langston Hughes's seminal poem "I Dream A World". Yolanda Renee King is leading a new generation of modern activists. Though the 15-year-old never met her grandfather, she is galvanizing countless young people to stand up and speak out on a range of issues affecting the world today. She represents and embodies this year's Fall Fest theme, "Courage".



This event is free and open to the public and made possible by
The Indianapolis Foundation Library Fund and **J. Steve & Donna D. Talley Fund**
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Fall Fest 2024 – Slammin’ Rhymes Challenge XVIII

DEADLINE: October 31, 2024

"Courage"

Rules:

- To be eligible, participants must be Marion County students, grades 6-12.
- Each entry **MUST** be attached to an official entry form.
- Keep it clean: absolutely no profanity will be allowed!
- Please deliver a recording and a typed and/or legibly written copy of a 3 minute original poem. Choose One:
 - Mail the entry form and a cassette, CD, or USB of your recording to:
Library Services Center
ATTN: Membership Access Area
2450 North Meridian Street
Indianapolis, IN 46208
 - Deliver the entry form and a cassette, CD or USB of your recording to any IndyPL location.
 - Submit an online entry form and upload a digital recording at <https://pr.indypl.org/web/slammin/> or scan the QR code below.

Winners and Prizes:

- All participants will receive a gift card.
- Ten selectees will read their entries at:
Fall Fest/Slammin’ Rhymes Challenge
Saturday, November 16, 2024
12 – 4 p.m.
Central Library • 40 E. St. Clair Street
- All participants are encouraged to be at the event and registered by 12 p.m. to claim their prize.
- Photoshoot for all participants with Yolanda Renee King will take place at 3 p.m.
- Selectees will be notified by phone and will be presented with their award given by Yolanda Renee King.

For more information contact:
Jacquelyn Green 317-275-4881 or jgreen@indypl.org

Official Entry Form

DEADLINE: Thursday, October 31, 2024



indypl.org

Please note: A separate entry form must be completed for each entry. This form may be duplicated.

Entrant's Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ Zip Code: _____

School: _____ Grade: _____

Phone Number: _____

Title of Submission: _____

Email Address: _____

Teacher Name: _____

Note to Teachers

If you are submitting on behalf of your students, each work must be accompanied by a completed official ENTRY FORM.

Please verify student contact information.

Submit Poem online at indypl.org, at your local IndyPL library, or mail to Library Services Center, ATTN: Membership Access Area, 2450 North Meridian Street, Indianapolis, IN 46208

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SUBMISSION CHECKLIST

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Completed entry form | <input type="checkbox"/> Marion County student in grades 6-12 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Typed and/or legibly written copy of a 3 minute original poem | <input type="checkbox"/> Keep it clean: no profanity |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Recording by CD/tape, USB, or online | |

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