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



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

- Entry Deadline: Thursday, October 30, 2025
- Entry form and rules on reverse side
- ALL entries receive a gift card
- Ten selectees will read their entry at Fall Fest

Fall Fest 2025

Saturday, November 15 | 12 - 4 p.m. Central Library | 40 E. St. Clair Street



The success of Drs. Sampson Davis, Rameck Hunt, and George Jenkins began with a childhood promise to become doctors. As youngsters growing up in Newark, NJ they used positive peer pressure to realize their dream, and now through their foundation provide opportunities for young people to participate in impactful activities.

> 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 through gifts to The Indianapolis Public Library Foundation.









Fall Fest 2025 - Slammin' Rhymes Challenge XIX

DEADLINE: October 30, 2025
"Strength"

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 15, 2025

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- All participants are encouraged to be at the event and registered by 12 p.m. to claim their prize.
- Photoshoot for all participants with The Three Doctors will take place at 3 p.m.
- Selectees will be notified by phone and will be presented with their award given by The Three Doctors.

For more information contact:

Jacquelyn Green 317-275-4881 or jgreen@indypl.org

Official Entry Form DEADLINE: Thursday, October 30, 2025



Scan to Enter

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

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

NO ENTRY WILL BE RETURNED. ALL SUBMISSIONS BECOME THE PROPERTY OF THE INDIANAPOLIS PUBLIC LIBRARY.