

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

Fall Fest 2026

**SLAMMIN'
RHYMES**



CHALLENGE XX

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

- **Entry Deadline: Saturday, October 31, 2026**
- Entry form and rules on reverse side
- ALL entries receive a gift card
- Ten selectees will read their entry at Fall Fest

Fall Fest 2026

Saturday, November 21 | 12 – 4 p.m.

Central Library | 40 E. St. Clair Street

Special Guest:

Dr. Mae Jemison

Engineer, physician, and former NASA astronaut.



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 2026 – Slammin’ Rhymes Challenge XX

DEADLINE: October 31, 2026

"Hope"

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 Indianapolis Public Library 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 21, 2026
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 Dr. Mae Jemison will take place at 3 p.m.
- Selectees will be notified by phone and will be presented with their award given by Dr. Mae Jemison.

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

Official Entry Form

DEADLINE: Saturday, October 31, 2026



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.

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Scan to Enter



SUBMISSION CHECKLIST

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| ☐ Completed entry form | ☐ Marion County student in grades 6-12 |
| ☐ 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.