

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Youth Poetry Contest



Express Yourself for Black History Month

Young writers of Ajax are invited to submit a poem based on the Black History Month 2026 theme "The Next Ten: Our Village." **One winner will be chosen from each grade category.**

Grade Categories:

- Grades 4-6
- Grades 7-8
- Grades 9-12

Complete Contest Rules

- Entries are limited to one page (please use the back of this page for your poem, or attach a typed copy to this entry form).
- Only one poem per person. Multiple entries will not be accepted.
- A poem in its entirety must be an original work by the person entering the contest. Plagiarism is a serious offense!
- Poem must be at least 3 lines but cannot exceed 26 lines.
- To enter, you must be a resident of Ajax.
- Email address and phone number, as well as author name and grade, must be included with all submissions.
- One winning poem will be chosen from each of the three grade categories. All submissions become the property of Ajax Public Library.
- The contest deadline is **Saturday, February 28, at 5 p.m.**
- Winning entries will be recognized at a special event on March 27, honouring the International Day to Eliminate Racial Discrimination.

Entry Form

Please fill this section out and include your poem on the back of this page or attach a typed copy. Entries can be dropped off at any branch or emailed to libraryinfo@ajaxlibrary.ca.

Name _____

Grade _____

Email Address _____

Phone Number _____

Poem Title: _____

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