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Subject: Poetry & Illustration Contest at Old Forge Library

The Old Forge Library has announced that entries are now being accepted for the Annual Poetry & Illustration Contest. Students in K-12 and adults throughout the Mid-York Library region (Herkimer, Madison and Oneida counties) and the town of Inlet are eligible to enter the contest. There is no specific theme this year.

The Poetry judges are Mary Jablonski and Elizabeth Ward. The judges for Illustrations are Georgia Talarico and Joan Balder Cook. Winners will be announced and prizes awarded during the Opening Exhibit and Reception on Tuesday, March 23, at 7 p.m. when winners will have an opportunity to read and/or discuss their work. All of the entries will be on exhibit in the library during April and May in celebration of National Library week.

New this year, in conjunction with the contest, are a Poetry Workshop on Saturday, January 30, and an Illustration Workshop on Saturday, February 6. Both are open to K-12 students and adults. The workshops for K-12 will be held from 9:30 a.m. to noon. The workshops for adults will be held from 12:30 to 3 p.m. Instructors for the Poetry Workshops are Melissa Macdonald, Paula Roy and Star Livingstone. Instructors for the Illustration Workshops are Karen Beck, Mitch Lee, and Joanne deStephano. Participants in the workshops are not required to enter their work in the contest and contest entrants are not required to attend the workshops. Pre-registration is preferred but walk-ins are welcome.

The program is sponsored by The Art Creating Community Decentralization Program of the New York State Council on the Arts administered by the Stanley Center for the Arts.

Contest entries must be received at the library by 3 p.m., Saturday, February 27. For more information about the contest or the workshops call the Old Forge Library at (315) 369-6008