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BENICIA PUBLIC LIBRARY

Benicia Public Library invites applications for the next Poet Laureate of Benicia (2026-2028). The successful candidate will serve as Benicia’s literary ambassador at selected civic occasions, lead the library’s monthly First Tuesday Poetry Group meetings and will partner with community groups and members to present events and programs which promote poetry in the Benicia community. Poets of all backgrounds and experience levels are encouraged to apply.

POET LAUREATE APPLICATION **July 2026 - June 2028**

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF APPLICATION
March 31, 2026

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

On a separate sheet of paper, please provide a response to the following queries:

- 1) Why should you be selected as Benicia’s Poet Laureate? (For example, what perspectives, experience and/or strengths would you bring to the position?)
- 2) Please describe your background specific to poetry. (For example, in addition to writing poetry, have you studied, taught and/or performed poetry?)
- 3) Please describe your personal connection to Benicia. (For example, do you live/work in Benicia, or are you a non-resident that has participated in Benicia-based literary events?)
- 4) An important responsibility of the Poet Laureate is to facilitate the Benicia Library’s Monthly “First Tuesday evening Poetry Group” gathering and to participate in outreach events to the community. During the period of the Poet Laureate’s two-year tenure, do you plan any long-term absences that might impact your ability to fulfill such responsibilities?

- 5) Please provide the name, phone number and email address for two personal references. These references may be anyone who knows you personally, regardless of whether your connection to the person involves poetry.

Please attach the following:

Selections from your poetry that represent you as a poet. Please do not submit more than ten pages of material.

Your signature below certifies the information you have provided in your application is true, that you are over the age of eighteen and that the selections of poetry that you have submitted are solely your own work.

Applicant Signature _____ Date: _____

Please submit your application via email to Administrative Secretary Helaine Bowles at HBowles@ci.benicia.ca.us or via personal delivery to Helaine at the Benicia Library, 150 E. L. Street, Benicia, CA.