Vachel Lindsay  
Poetry  
Illustration Contest

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Break Out the Crayons!

Elementary students from kindergarten through sixth grade who live in and around the Springfield area are invited to create an illustration of a selected poem by Vachel Lindsay as part of a celebration of National Poetry Month.

Posters should be created on 12x18 paper. Students can use any art supplies to create their illustration. They may choose to incorporate text from their poem into their illustration, but this is not required.

Students who enter will be categorized by grade level. Those levels are:
- Kindergarten through 1st grade (“The Little Turtle”)
- 2nd through 4th grade (“What Grandpa Mouse Said”)
- 5th through 6th grade (“The Flower-Fed Buffaloes”)

Contest begins on March 18, 2019 and ends on April 30, 2019. All entries are subject to contest rules and regulations. All entries must be postmarked by April 30, 2019 and include the required authorization and release form to be eligible.

Each grade category will have a first, second and third place winner. First-, second- and third-place artists in each age group will receive a Barnes and Noble gift certificate worth $25, $15 and $10, respectively, along with copies of a poetry book by Vachel Lindsay.

The Submission must be conceived of and solely executed by the entrant and not previously published. Submission must not infringe the copyright, trademark, privacy, publicity or other intellectual property rights of any person or entity.

The winner of the Contest will be determined by judging all the entrants’ submissions based on the following criteria: originality 60%, interpretation of the selected Vachel Lindsay poem 40%. All entries will be judged using the criteria stated above. Final judges will be selected from the Springfield arts and historic sites community.

All entries become the property of the Vachel Lindsay Association and will not be returned. Winners will be required to grant the Vachel Lindsay Association all rights, titles and interest in the submitted entry.

Entries will be judged in May 2019 and the winners will be notified no later than end of May 2019.

If you have any questions about the contest, email the Vachel Lindsay Association at vachellindsay@gmail.com. Visit vachellindsay.org for complete rules and regulations.