

Bedford Free Library  
Children and Young Adult Poetry Contest  
2023 Winning Entries

Ages 6-8

First Place: *What's in a Book* by Elisabeth Hutter

Second Place: *Work it up* by Vanderbilt Mason

Third Place: *Basketball* by Harry Trotta

Ages 9-12

First Place: *Hope is Aight* by Gigi Bridbord Vollen

Second Place: *Something You Cannot Hold in Hand* by Avery Massaro

Tied for Third: *Home* by Lillian Reuben

*Brick Walls* by Analise Braddock

Ages 13-17

First Place: *Teenaged Winters* by Rachel Agnello

Second Place: *Ed's Tale* by Ciaran MacMahon

Third Place: *Theme for English 2* by Leah Scharf

Honorable Mention: *Singed Ribbons* by Tinsley Valenti