

Young Authors' Contest | 2025-2026 Winners

Eastern Shore Literacy Association

<u>Grade Category</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>First Name</u>	<u>Last Name</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>School</u>
Grade 1 Poetry	1	Lainie	Booth	I Am a Lonely Star	Worcester Prep
	2	Reagan	Whitlock	My Dog Lily	Worcester Prep
Grade 1 SS	1	No Entries in Grade 1 Short Story.			
Grade 2 Poetry	1	Oliver	Banks	Winter Senses	The Salisbury School
	2	Eliza	Curren	In Autum-EC	The Salisbury School
	3	Wyatt	Baker	In Autum-WB	The Salisbury School
Grade 2 SS	1	Evelyn	Justice	Toy-Making Day	Ocean City Elementary
	2	Anna Lee	Kotzur	Holiday Traditions	Ocean City Elementary
Grade 3 Poetry	1	Jackson	Webster	Sea Turtles	North Salisbury Elementary
	2	Nicole	Sebastian	The Star	Worcester Prep
	3	Zora	Cork	Save the Earth	North Salisbury Elementary
Grade 3 SS	1	Nyah	Hamilton	Freckle Land	North Salisbury Elementary
	2	Derick	Humphrey	My Scary Day	North Salisbury Elementary
	3-Tie	Ray	Kuntz	Carter	North Salisbury Elementary
	3-Tie	Sara	Preziosi	The Principal's Office	Ocean City Elementary
Grade 4 Poetry	1	Mack	Ashton	My Marley	Ocean City Elementary
	2-Tie	Ani	Hovhannisyan	Books in Life	Ocean City Elementary
	2-Tie	Jayda	Lewis	Lewis	The Salisbury School
	3	Piper	Konyar	Snow Day	Ocean City Elementary
Grade 4 SS	1	Wesley	Weeth	The Great Ascent	Worcester Prep
	2	Eleanor	Broughel	The Case of the Missing Presents	Worcester Prep
	3	Madelyn	DelliGatti	The Snowy Day	Ocean City Elementary

Grade 5 Poetry	1	Olivia	Adkins	When I Write	North Salisbury Elementary
	2-Tie	Emily	Leiner	Dreams	Worcester Prep
	2-Tie	Ostin	Cai	If I had a Dragon	The Salisbury School
	3	Saya	Patel	Oh Pizza!	North Salisbury Elementary
Grade 5 SS	1	Hristina	Gjoni	Three Days as a Stray	Worcester Prep
	2-tie	Ostin	Cai	An Adventure of ME: A Wasp in My House	The Salisbury School
	2-tie	Addilyn	Fawcett	Magical Christmas	Worcester Prep
	3	Layla	Cooper	The Dog	North Salisbury Elementary
Grade 6 Poetry	1	Maisie	Gill	Pop	Berlin Intermediate School
	2	Evelyn	Caudill	Sprout	Berlin Intermediate School
	3	Gavin	Zubko	Before I Go	Holly Grove Christian
Grade 6 SS	1	Emma	Hailey	The Blood Moon Society	Berlin Intermediate School
	2	Carla	Menendez	Prehistoric Peril	Berlin Intermediate School
	3	Samantha	Dawkins	The Warrior	Berlin Intermediate School
Grade 7 Poetry	1	Serena	Jaoude	Introduction to Empathy	Worcester Prep
	2	Madison	Cooper	Something You Should Know	Stephen Decatur Middle
	3	Dorie	Elliott	Life Will Be Perfect	The Salisbury School
Grade 7 SS	1	Eli	Parker	Trip of a Lifetime	Worcester Prep
	2	Nikol	Petkova	The Corn Maze	Worcester Prep
	3	Emilie	Wagner	People Watching	Worcester Prep
Grade 8 Poetry	1	Anna	Paniceva	Pocket Full of Peelings	Stephen Decatur Middle
	2	Lorelei	Broyles	The Canyon	The Salisbury School
	3	Jasmine	Desormeaux	Winter's Soundless Song	Bennett Middle School
Grade 8 SS	1	Caroline	Auchey	Kayden and the Crystal Key	The Salisbury School
	2	Brodie	Berezowski	His Last Voyage	Mardela Middle & High

	3	Brooklyn	DelliGatti	The Twin Love Story	Worcester Prep
Grade 9 Poetry	1	Keira	Keaney	Skies of Water, Seasons of Stars	James M. Bennett High
	2-tie	Hannah	Coyle	Lonely Field	Worcester Prep
	2-tie	Ruby	Ludwick	Fighting the Fire	James M. Bennett High
	3-tie	Clara	Elliott	The Girls with a Black Lace Ribbon	The Salisbury School
	3-tie	Claire	Sullivan	The Colorful Catastrophe	Stephen Decatur High
	3-tie	Cris	Graves	World	Stephen Decatur High
Grade 9 SS	1	Sophia	Nguyen	Surgical Shadows: The Forgotten Asylum	Worcester Prep
	2	Addison	Gibbs	The Fisherman's Wife	The Salisbury School
	3-tie	Ruby	Ludwick	Mixed Messsages	James M. Bennett High
	3-tie	Lilly	Finkbeiner	The Crow	The Salisbury School
Grade 10 Poetry	1-tie	Jacob	Culver	Lingering Touch	Snow Hill High
	1-tie	Jamila	Spruill	To Be Loved By a Writer	James M. Bennett High
	2-Tie	Gabriel	DeSilver	Breath	Stephen Decatur High
	2-Tie	Olivia	Hamilton	What Waiting Leaves Behind	The Salisbury School
	3-tie	Ava	Mah	Melting	The Salisbury School
	3-tie	Ja'Niya	Carelock	Thirty Seconds to Breakdown	Stephen Decatur High
Grade 10 SS	1	Minsuk	Kim	Echoes Loud But Unheard	James M. Bennett High
	2	Sydney	Matyiko	Talan People	The Salisbury School
	3-tie	Lena	Smith	Alchemy's Icarus	The Salisbury School
	3-tie	Abigail	Tan	The Definition of a Bird	Parkside High
Grade 11 Poetry	1-tie	Sophia	Leimbach	The One Who Couldn't Hear	Holly Grove Christian
	1-tie	Breanna	McCray	Storm Tainted Veins	Stephen Decatur High
	2-tie	Petra	Burgmann	A Modern Addiction	The Salisbury School
	2-tie	Sydney	Parker	And Yet We Beat On	Worcester Prep
	3-tie	Raniyah (River)	Hunter	Each Second Chance	Pocomoke High
	3-tie	Joseph	Kim	Hyung	James M. Bennett High
Grade 11 SS	1	Breanna	McCray	Lilac Crown	Stephen Decatur High
	2	Casper	Gilchrist	The Fisherman and the Selkie	The Salisbury School

	3	Lyla	Roberts	Tears in the Hallway	Worcester Prep
Grade 12 Poetry	1	Kanye	Reid	Pink Confetti	Pocomoke High
	2-tie	Bella	Masone	Doing Just Dandy	The Salisbury School
	2-tie	Jamie	Nguyen	Through the Lens	Worcester Prep
	3-tie	Savvy	Wertz	A Slice of Summer	Snow Hill High
	3-tie	Adelaide	Dawkins	All I Am	Stephen Decatur High
Grade 12 SS	1	Jamie	Nguyen	Blossoms Between Heartbeats	Worcester Prep
	2	Skyler	Kim	The Hotel	Stephen Decatur High
	3	Catherine	Cullen	Let It Happen	Worcester Prep