

Submissions Now Being Accepted for New Mexico Poetry Anthology

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SANTA FE – The New Mexico Poet Laureate Program is currently accepting submissions for consideration for publication in the New Mexico Poetry Anthology: Vol. 1. The deadline to send in materials is July 1, 2021.

State residents who have lived in New Mexico for at least three consecutive years are invited to submit original and unpublished poems. Each applicant is allowed to submit up to three poems, and there is no word limit per individual work. Poems can interpret themes such as family history, language, nature, water, and spirituality. Submissions will be reviewed by the editors anonymously.

Co-edited by New Mexico Poet Laureate Levi Romero and Albuquerque Poet Laureate Emerita Michelle Otero, the New Mexico Poetry Anthology will be published by the Museum of New Mexico Press in 2022. The anthology will celebrate the state's people, cultures, languages, traditions, and querencia that express the uniqueness, complexity, and wonders of New Mexico.

"We celebrate poets, authors, and the written word, all of which enrich our lives and make our state a wonderful place to live," said State Librarian Eli Guinnee. "We are thrilled to open up this new anthology to all New Mexicans and I hope we will see several unpublished poets included."

The Poet Laureate Program is a collaboration between the New Mexico State Library and New Mexico Arts, both of which are divisions of the New Mexico Department of Cultural Affairs.

About the New Mexico State Library

Established in 1929, the New Mexico State Library is a division of the Department of Cultural Affairs, under the guidance of the New Mexico Library Commission. Programs and exhibits are generously supported by the New Mexico State Library Foundation through the generous support of donors. The New Mexico State Library provides services that support public and tribal libraries, delivers direct

library services to rural populations, state agencies, the visually impaired and physically disabled, and students and citizens conducting research. The library supports public libraries by providing consulting services, offering training and continuing education opportunities, administering the librarian certification program, coordinating a statewide summer reading program and tribal library program, and administering state and federal grants to public libraries.

About New Mexico Arts

[New Mexico Arts](#), a division of the Department of Cultural Affairs, is the state arts agency. New Mexico Arts administers the state's One Percent for Public Art program, awards grants to nonprofit organizations for arts and cultural programs in their communities across the state, and provides technical assistance and educational opportunities for organizations, artists, and arts educators throughout New Mexico.

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