

2014 Reference Services Haiku Contest

2014's Haiku Contest had over 60 entries from 35 contestants. The competition takes place annually in April in conjunction with National Poetry Month.





Books wait patiently

Scents of coffee drift gently

Thoughts flow easily

The winner of the 4th annual Eugene McDermott Library Reference Department Student Haiku Contest is Madeline Renals, a senior mathematical sciences major who plans to attend UT Medical Branch at Galveston this fall. Judges selected Madeline's haiku because of her playful sense of humor in describing the essence of the library. For submitting the winning haiku, Madeline received a \$50 Amazon gift card.

PARTH ACHARYA

As I hear, read, and watch -
all your sounds, literature and cinema
I discover myself

JAMSHID AKHAVAN

the bust acknowledges me
as I enter
a student of learning

KATHLEEN GRACE ALVA

Tall shelf. Short reader
struggling with higher knowledge,
gets library lift

PATRICIA M BALCONI-LAMICA

Books clutter the shelves.
Each one wants my attention.
Which should I read first?

REBECCA CEDILLO

The hope filled pages
Interpreted words are yours
Books have no ending

In golden silence
Brought to life so much beauty
The page will be turned

Shelves and stacks of books
Science math history art
Knowledge is power

Knowledge is power
Pages of words and pictures
So, how strong are you

CLAYTON F DOUGLAS

Rows and rows of books
Sitting and waiting for you
Come and grab a few

Books and magazines
All the knowledge in the world
Can I have some please?

FARIHA HASAN

Words drip from apt lips,
books in mum fights to be picked -
Meshed to lush concord.

SAHALIE HASHIM

Cradles a genius:
Pen in hand, a young girl sleeps
Cheek pressed to creased sheet.

JORDAN HESS

The math I love – her
nature perfect. Not governed
by I, nor any.

ANAND JAYANTI

You show me a book
And I'll show you a way in.
Can't promise out, though.

I got lost in a
library once -- not 'tween books,
among, but inside.

Sign says "No Talking."
I sit with my book, talking
all day in my mind.

Today I went to
the Shire, the Moon, and Hogwarts --
all for a late fee.

JUSTIN JOSEPH

Words, painted in ink,
Upon yellowing paper,
Sitting on a shelf.

JESSICA SHANNON JUDD

Welp! Here's to the night,
Reading, typing, printing-done!
Now I need some sleep.

SHAWN JUNKER

Library Posture
Bodily Sedentary
Mind Energetic

ARCHAWIN KULSIRIMONGKOL

Never Gonna' Give
You Up Never Gonna' Let
You Down And Hurt You.

PAIGE A LANASA

The Library has
More to offer you than just
Printing your homework

JOSEPH LIM

Never stopped working
Never stopped caring for us
Happy Mother's Day

Clyde the cute turtle
Fell over upon his back
I need help; help me!

KHA B LUU

Hello library.
How are you doing today?
I hear you like books.

MARIA GUADALUPE MADERA

Warm sun beckons me
Enclosed, amongst the bookshelves
Wistful daydream fades

ALEX MILLS

Books, so many books,
Musty old smell soothes my soul,
Sates my mind, my heart.

NISCHAY VARMA MUDIDA

Shelves, full of books
Desks, with computers on top
BEST!, of libraries.

ANJANI PENUMATCHA

Stimulate your mind
Connaissance wissen scientia
Knowledge is power

SUNAYNA RAJPUT

If books could talk, too,
then just whom would they talk to?
Surely not reference.

A million voices
speak from every shelf in our
quiet library.

If you were a book
would you really like to wear
your jacket indoors?

BEATRIZ RAMOS

Hit the books buddy
Study, finals are coming
Don't want to fail right?

MADELINE A RENALS

Suddenly time slows
As clarity surrounds me
My thoughts awaken

Now all is quiet
Thoughts flow like an easy breeze
Anxieties cease

Concentration nears
As distraction disappears
All becomes so clear

Books wait patiently
Scents of coffee drift gently
Thoughts flow easily

Peaceful atmosphere
Within this calm and quiet
I find my focus

CHARLIE SAVELLE

In McDermott stacks
The students and patrons roam
Books bright by truth breathe

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Students and patrons roam, and
Books bright by truth breathe

AUSTIN SCHMIDT

Libraries shelter
life, death, reincarnation,
love and preservation.

Book nerd- eating lines
up, word after word. My roots
deep, I adventure.

Running my fingers
across spines, I treasure-hunt,
listen for voices.

OLUTOSIN SERIKI

Biochemistry,
Is not the death of me,yet
Maybe tomorrow

BING SHA

Look along the bookshelf,
The summer outside is bright,
And library is quiet.

SHAN SU

Books unlock the world
But only if we read them
I say, "Yes, I will."

Aroma of books
Says, "Stay as long as you please"
Soulmate day and night

Sacred study place
Welcome to my second home
Why anywhere else?

TAYLOR TISDALE

The order's taller,
an exodus of scholars
chasing those dollars.

CHRISTINA TRAN

Studios center;
Intellectual thinking;
Filled with books and minds.

SEAN TOLLINGER

Knowledge is the key
The McDermott Library
Our prosperity

ARDEN A WELLS

Why would somebody
munch chips on the silent side?
CRUNCH CRUMBLE CRUNCH CRUNCH.

HUIKUN "KARA" WU

Where peace dwells around,
Light on books brightens knowledge,
Discussion frees minds.

Dark wooden tables,
Sun through windows reads my books,
Mining gold for dreams.

Quietly as I come,
Peacefully as people study,
Spiritual as been.

TIMOTHY YOUNG

Senior year, spring time
This is my last semester;
Time to graduate!

As I look around
I don't recognize a thing
Our school's changed so much!

Post-graduation
No more classes or courses;
Real life begins now!

