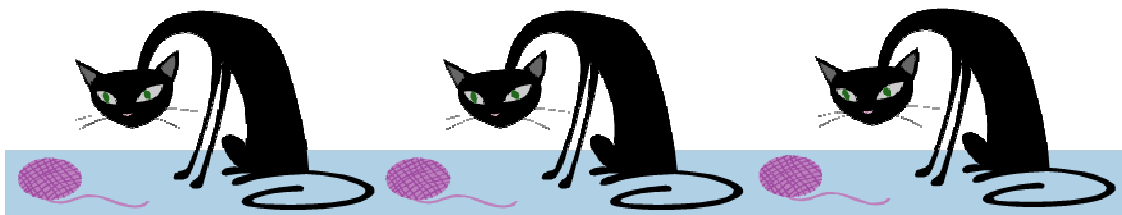


# 2014 Reference Services Haiku Contest

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**

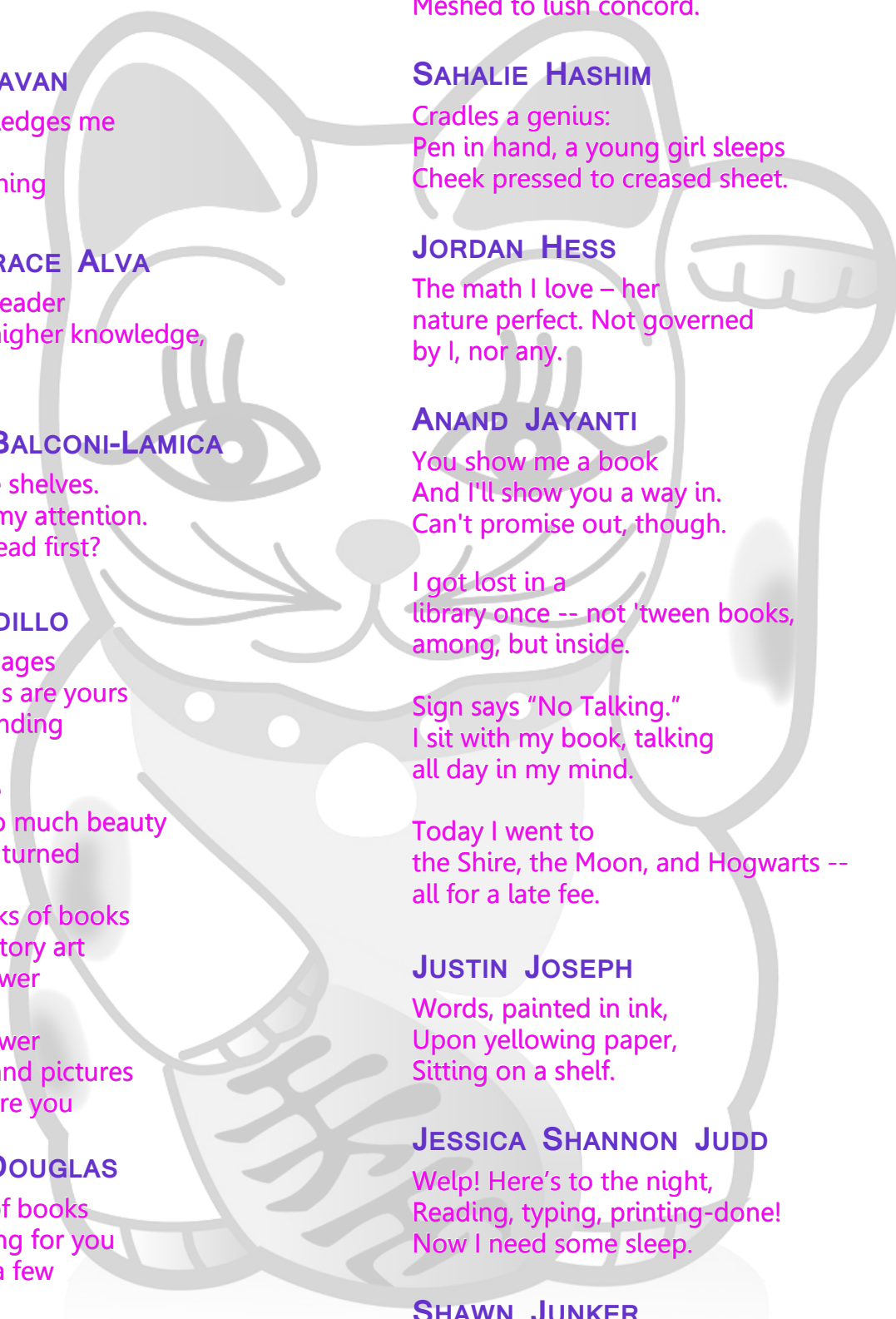
Words, painted in ink,  
Upon yellowing paper,  
Sitting on a shelf.

**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 wissien 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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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!

