



**2018
STUDENT
HAIKU POETRY
COMPETITION**



THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT DALLAS
McDermott Library

Grace McClure, 2018 Winner



The rhythm of shoes

Keyboards and conversations

The heart of campus



ANEEQA AKHTAR

Library secrets:
Cubicles make great hideouts
For Netflix and stress

BHARGAVI BHASKAR

Ode to the the Bookshelves

Late night pondering
immortalize to quiet
giants stacked neatly.

SPANDANA BELLAMKONDA

Scary calm, doors creak
Loaded bookshelves cast shadows
Bright eyes leaf pages

APRIL ROSE BOYD

In the library
Trees are reborn, whispering
Through pages like leaves

MUTHU VEERAPPAN CHOCKALINGAM

Unlike beach foot prints
the shelf life of each book print
is infinity

NATHAN KODJO MINTAH CHURCHER

Have some research done
Total silence or discuss
Meet your teammates here.

TRI QUANG DANG

Welcome to this sea
Of knowledge and books galore!

Find what you desire
Hidden amongst stacks
Students study through the night
Beneath ceiling lights

STEPHEN DANIEL DILLARD

Within these four walls
Always pressing to be free
Bound delicacies



RICHARD BAYLEY DRAIS

The library's old
Always out of graphing calcs
Upgrade the desktops

JACKSON EDWARD FORNER

In a maze of books
I find myself lost, yet found:
Labyrinth of words

FARIYA FATIMA

A Nebula of Words

Guidance in Darkness
Words illuminate the sky
So much to explore.

KAVYA GUPTA

Reservoir of books
Yellowed and old, young and new
Come grab one, have fun



DANIKA ELIZABETH HOLLIS

Find books: LIBRARY!
Find classes: ONLINE, COURSEBOOK!
Find friends: IN CLASSES!

2 A.M. I'm beat
in the library: I'll sleep.
I MISSED THE FINAL!

'Dermott library
is chill. They help me succeed.
They give dope swag too.

ALEXANDER DAVID KRACH

I came here to hide
From loud noises and sunburn
I guess I'll study

CATHERINE DANIELLE LEIGH

Languages abound.
They all translate quite nicely:
Knowledge, Freedom, Truth.

JEPHINA AROCKIA ARPUTHA MARIA

Soundless arena
with authors chanting verses
aloud in my head

SRISHTI MATHUR

Rows and rows of shelves
Plus databases online
Research, study, write.

I can look this up,
I can find some textbooks too,
I can learn in here.

The deadline is close,
But the library is near;
Go in there for help!

LUCAS STONE MERRITT

Leaf through the pages:
Understanding for our globe
Nature's gift of trees



MICHAEL PAYDEN MIZE

Each floor lies quiet
For in this respectful calm
The book speaks loudest

KIMBERLLY VALERIA MORENO

Paint the world with words
Your blank pages, our blank minds
imagination

ANISHA MURTHY

Where books are encased
in the permanent bookshelf
of your beating heart.

NEHA SINGH

Surrounded by shelves
with books that all reaffirm
the wonder of words

ASHISH PIYA

River of knowledge
Pitcher of books at your reach,
Come forth quench your thirst.



BRIANNA ALEXIS RODRIGUEZ

Silent labyrinths
Countless aisles and bookshelves
Contained works of art

Purpose of a book?
A leather-bound adventure
Escape for the mind

ANDON MIDDLE ROSATO

No talking! Blue zone!
But they all chat anyways.
Headphones would be nice.

NISHAAT RUPANI

TEMOC loves to read
You can find him buried in
Books about comets.



ADIVA SAHAR

A palace of books
Lending me endless treasures
To travel the world
Shelves weighted down by
Endless possibilities
To be wild and free

SARMISTHA SINHA

Comets and Scholars
Learning at the Library
To ace their classes

SRINIVASAN, NEHA

The cup of knowledge
Continuously filled but
Never overflows

JENINE RIYAD RAGEB TAHER

If these walls could speak
Stories of epiphanies
Would fill up these books



MICHAEL JOSEPH THORNTON

Temoc's Library
Home of the whooshing comets
improving the world

POOJA VALLATHARASAN

Indulge in a book
Exit reality and
Enter a new World

VARTIKA VARSHNEY

Quiet library
A plethora of knowledge
World full of wonders

OLIVER WARNE

Wisdom written by
generations past paves the
way for great minds growth



VALERIE NICOLE WIJEWEERA

Diverse collections
Of humans, books, and knowledge
Catalysts for change

BRANDON ROBERT WILHELM

"Dude, get over here!
The McDermott is awesome!"
"Take the call outside!"