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## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**SUBJECT:** **Haiku Poetry Contest** – A celebration of National Poetry Month – at the Ventura County Library

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**DATE:** April 1 through April 30, 2018

**Between April 1 and April 30, 2018**, the Ventura County Library System will be commemorating National Poetry Month by holding its annual county-wide **Haiku Poetry Contest**. Participants will be able to submit their own original haiku at any of our library locations or online at [tiny.cc/vclhaiku](http://tiny.cc/vclhaiku).

A traditional Japanese haiku is a three-line poem with 17 syllables in a 5/7/5 count. Haiku emphasizes simplicity, intensity, and directness of expression. Winners will be selected from throughout our library system, with prizes including gift cards from local businesses. The contest is open to all ages and topics; contact your library for further information regarding contest rules.

We hope that the community will join us in celebrating poetry and the arts throughout Ventura County—and have fun doing it!

Participation in this contest is free and open to the public. For additional information, contact Ron Solórzano, Regional Librarian, at (805) 218-9146.

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Inspiring our community to explore, discover, and connect.*

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