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## A CELEBRATION OF BOOKS AND THE CITY

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**To: Northeastern Pennsylvania Educators**

**From: Julie Schumacher Cohen**

*Community Partners Coordinator*  
Pages & Places Book Festival

**Re: Pages & Places Poetry Contest (Grades 3-11)**

Scranton's annual book festival, Pages & Places, is proud to announce its second annual poetry contest for students in grades 3-11 in conjunction with the festival. The festival will be held this year on Saturday, October 1, 2011. Through collaboration with many of you, last year's inaugural contest was a tremendous success with hundreds of submissions coming in from throughout Northeastern Pennsylvania. We are excited to once again provide this creative writing opportunity for young writers in the Northeast region's schools.

The Pages & Places Book Festival, in collaboration with the Lackawanna County Library System, the Mulberry Poets & Writers Association and the Northeastern Educational Intermediate Unit, is organizing this contest. We ask that you promote the contest to your students in a manner that best fits with your curriculum, assignments and schedule. We encourage you to integrate the contest into particular creative writing exercises or assignments.

**The attached flyer and entry form can be copied and given to students directly and includes all the rules and regulations.**

**Please note there are four divisions:**

**Division 1: Grades 3-4**

**Division 2: Grades 5-6**

**Division 3: Grades 7-8**

**Division 4: Grades 9-11**

**The deadline for submissions is June 24, 2011.** The winners will be announced in September with an awards ceremony and public reading at the festival's Book Expo on Courthouse Square on October 8, 2011. The poems can be submitted either handwritten on the flyer or typed along with a detached entry form.

Submissions can be emailed or mailed to the Lackawanna County Library System address listed on the entry form.

***Any questions related to the Pages & Places Poetry Contest can be directed to me at [poetry@pagesandplaces.org](mailto:poetry@pagesandplaces.org) or by phone at 570-862-6611.***

I welcome your partnership and collaboration in this year's contest. Young writers throughout Northeastern Pennsylvania will participate in Scranton's book festival and experience the joy of writing and reading it promotes.